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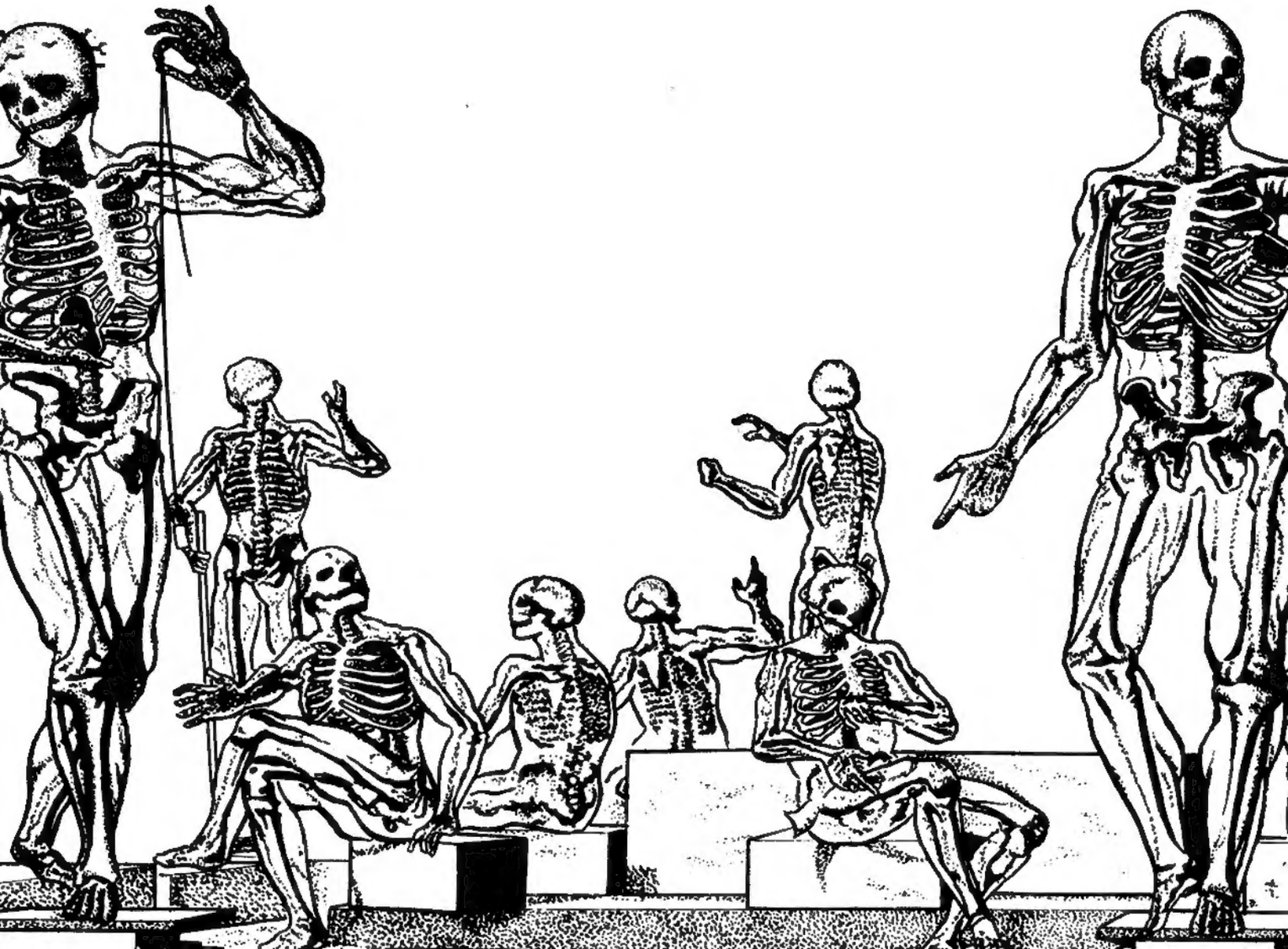

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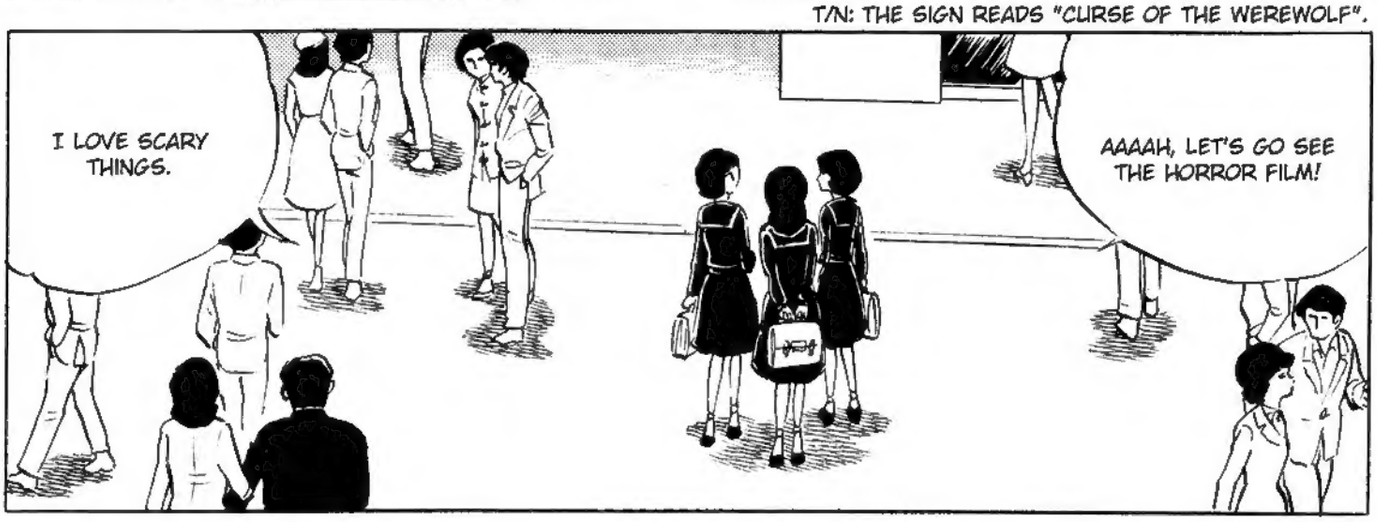

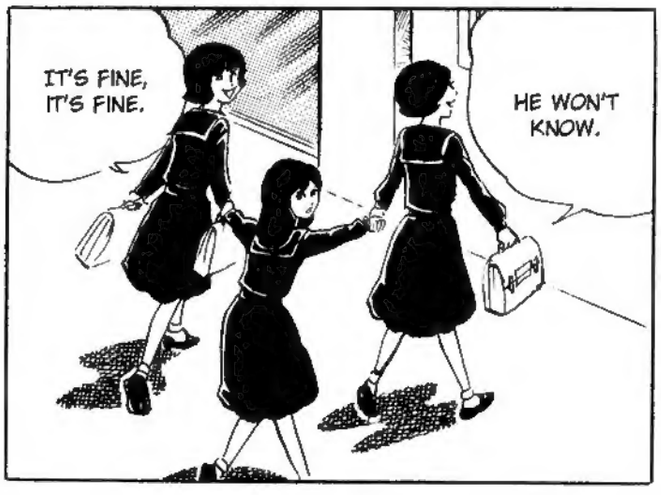

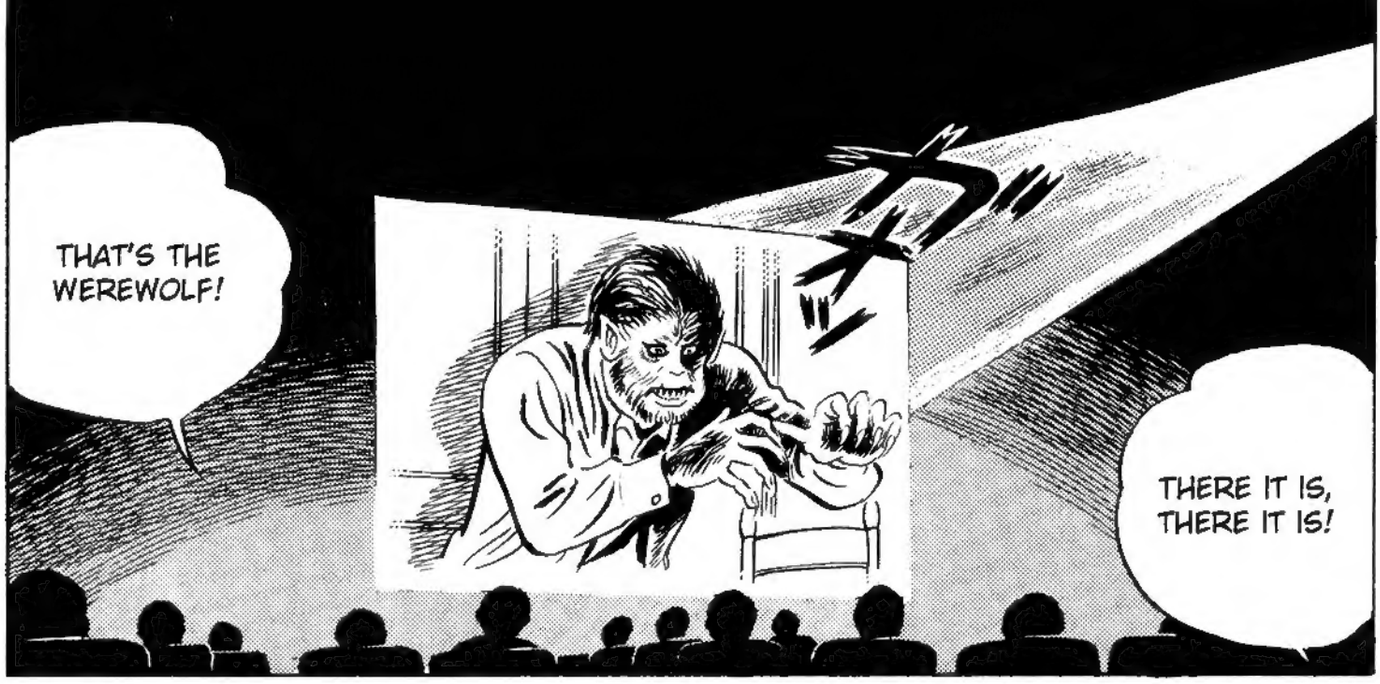
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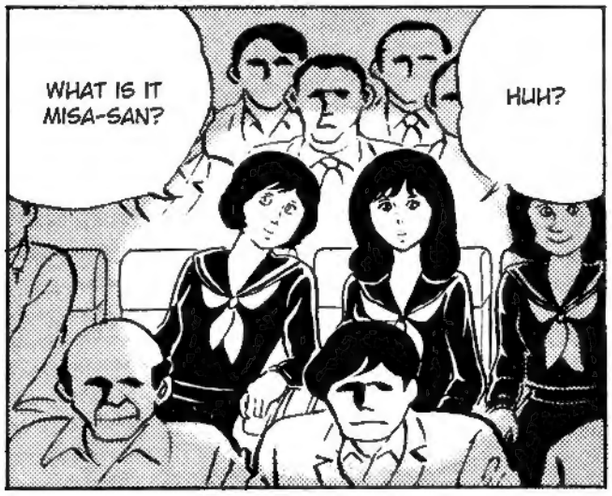
THERE IT IS, THERE IT IS!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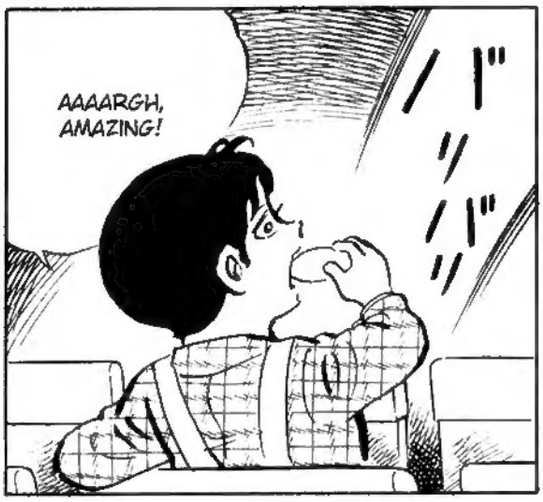
HUH?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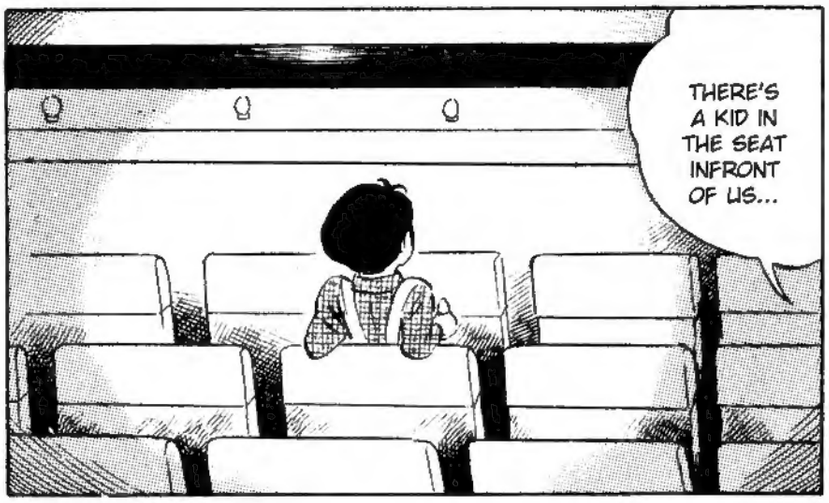
THERE'S A KID IN THE SEAT INFRONT OF US...

I WONDER IF HE CAME ALONE...

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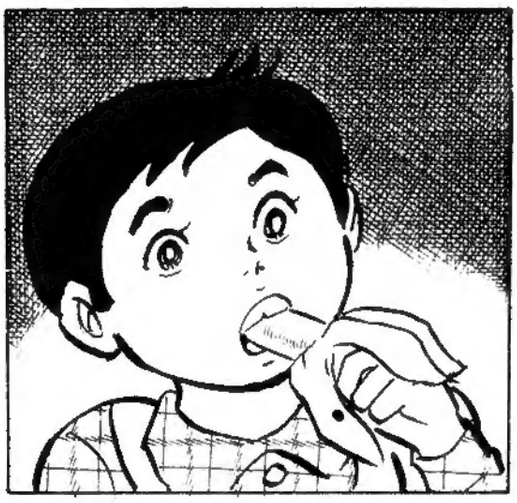

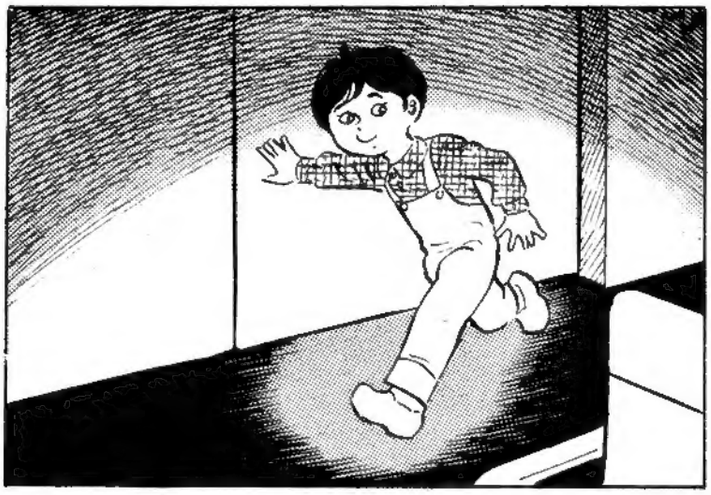

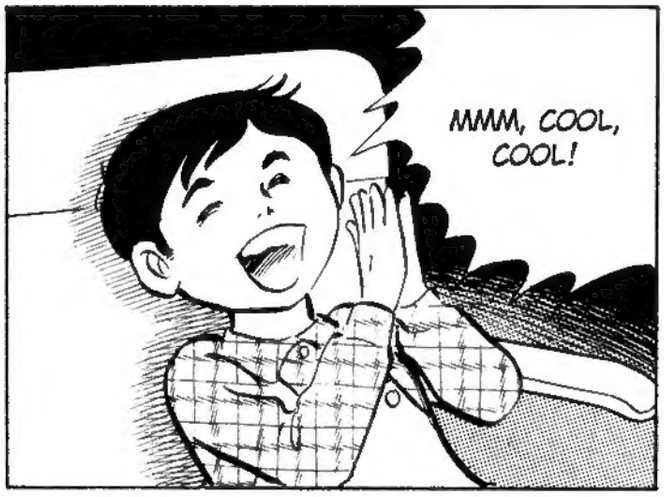
MMM, COOL, COOL!

MM, HOW MUCH IS IT?
DO YOU HAVE THE MONEY?
I'D LIKE SOME CHOCOLATE AND PEANUTS AND ICE CREAM.
TE... TEN THOUSAND YEN?!
WILL THIS DO?
HERE, YOUR CHOCOLATE.
YOU DROPPED THIS.
MM. MY FAMILY'S REEEEAL RICH.
YOU'VE CERTAINLY GOT LOTS OF MONEY.
IT'S FINE, YOU CAN HAVE IT MISS.

YEP. OUR HOUSE IS SO BIG IT'S BASICALLY A CASTLE.
GOODNESS. ARE YOU THE YOUNG SON OF MILLIONAIRES?!
YOU CAN COME TO PLAY SOMETIME! MM.
AHEM!
AMAZING. HEY...

CANDIES
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あしべビル
美沙
BAR
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かんじ
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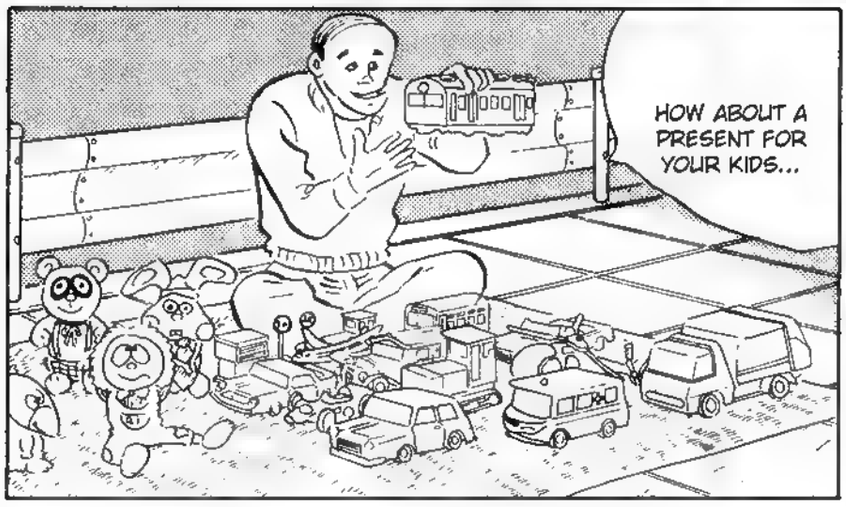
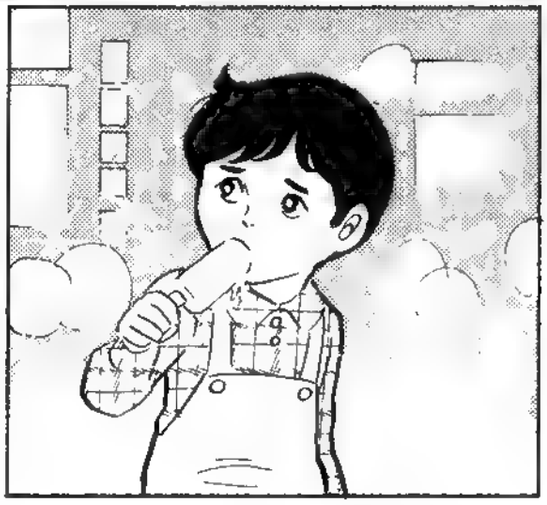
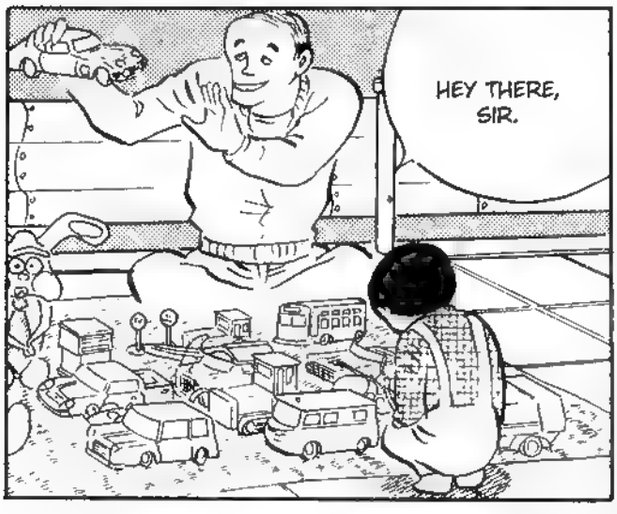

HOW ABOUT A PRESENT FOR YOUR KIDS...



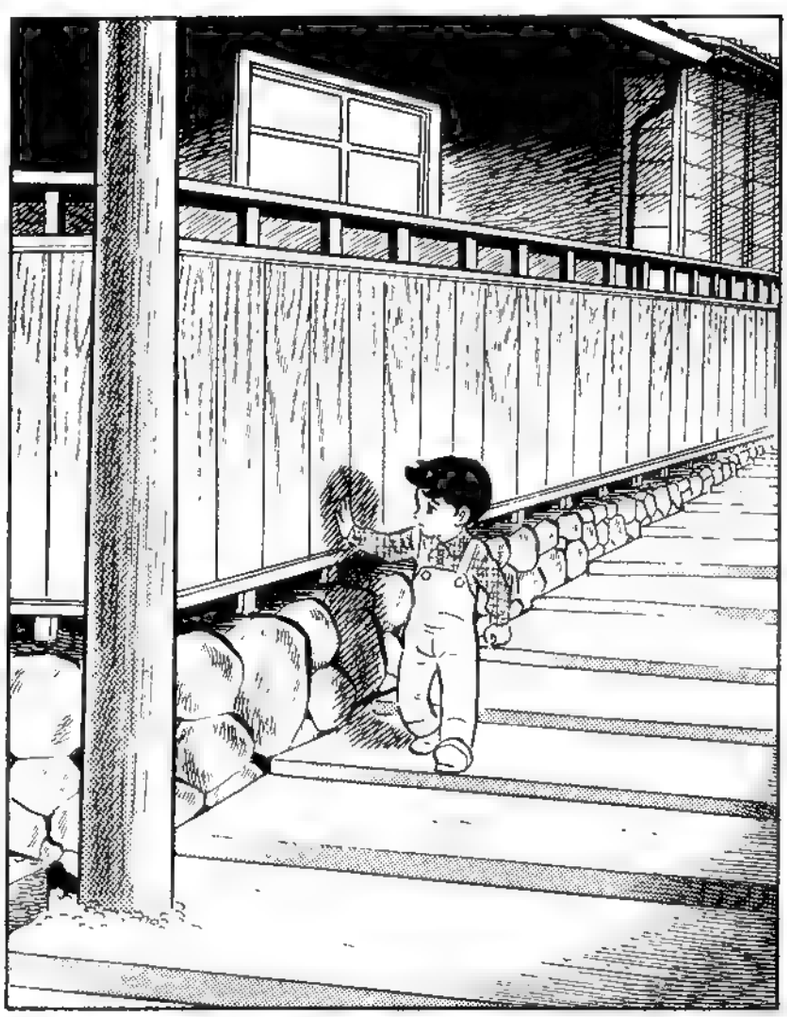

HEY THERE, SIR.

WHAT ABOUT THIS. IT'S A LOCKHEED, FROM THE SCANDALS.
I CAN MAKE IT CHEAP.

I'LL GO AS FAR AS I CAN FOR YOU, AND HALF THE PRICE.
MISERABLE BUNCH TODAY. BUSINESS IS REAL SLOW.
TCH.
OI YOU!
DON'T TOUCH THE MERCHANDISE!

A PURSE...?!
HM?
GET A NICE LITTLE PROFIT.
HEHEHE. GUESS IT'D BE ALRIGHT TO OPEN IT...
KID MUSTA DROPPED IT.
HAND OVER THE PURSE!
EEP!

WHERE COULD I HAVE DROPPED THE PURSE...
OH NO...



I NEED SOME SORT OF EXCUSE OR SOMEHTHING.
MUM WILL SCOLD ME...

WHAT'S THAT. I THOUGHT HE WAS A RICH KID...

WAIT!
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HAH.
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING THERE?!
THE WEREWOLF WAS VERY SCARY...
STILL, THE MOVIE WAS PRETTY AMUSING...
DID YOU TAKE YOUR MUM'S PURSE AGAIN?!
渡辺
HAH!
HIDEBOU!

WHAT IS IT?! HURRY UP AND GIVE ME IT BACK!
W... WELL.. YOU SEE...
NOW GIVE IT BACK.
MUM'S NOT GOING TO LET YOU OFF TODAY!
I WAS ATTACKED BY A WEREWOLF ON MY WAY HOME.
M... MM, I DON'T HAVE IT. TH... THE TRUTH IS...
M... MM, IT WAS SUPER SCARY...
A WEREWOLF YOU SAY?!

WHAT'RE YOU MAKING UP SUCH LIES FOR!
LOOK, HE BIT MY NECK!
IT'S TRUE.
I'M GOING TO PUNISH YOU PROPERLY TONIGHT!
COME ON, INTO THE HOUSE.
BUT DEAR, I HAD A LOT OF MONEY IN MY PURSE.
OI, OI. ENOUGH. LET HIM OFF.
HMPH! THE WEREWOLF?!
I MUST ADMIT IT IS ODD, THE BOY ON HIS OWN COULDN'T HAVE USED SO MUCH MONEY. MAYBE SOMEONE DID STEAL IT.
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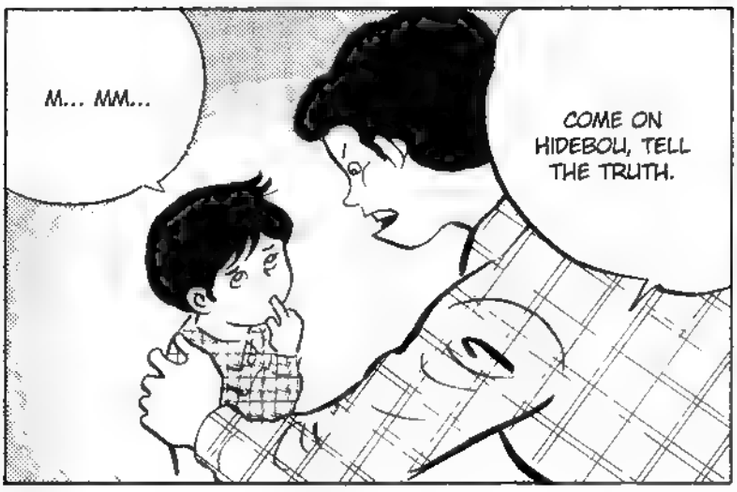
GUESS WE CAN ONLY HOPE IT WAS HANDED IN TO THE POLICE...
TELL ME KID, DID HE LOOK LIKE THE WERWOLF IN THE MOVIE?
A WEREWOLF? AHAHAHAHA. ALRIGHT, GOT IT.
COME TO THINK OF IT, WE DID CATCH AN ODD GUY LURKING AROUND BY YOUR HOUSE.
THERE HE IS!

IF YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK, HE DOES RESEMBLE A WEREWOLF.

WAS HE THE MAN WHO ATTACKED YOU KID?
SO HE DID STEAL IT.

TH... THIS IS MY PURSE!

AH!
HE WAS ALSO HOLDING A WOMAN'S PURSE.


M... MM...
COME ON HIDEBOU, TELL THE TRUTH.

M... MM, WELL...

B... BUT IT WAS DARK SO I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE...
Y... YEAH. HE WAS THE MAN WHO ATTACKED ME.

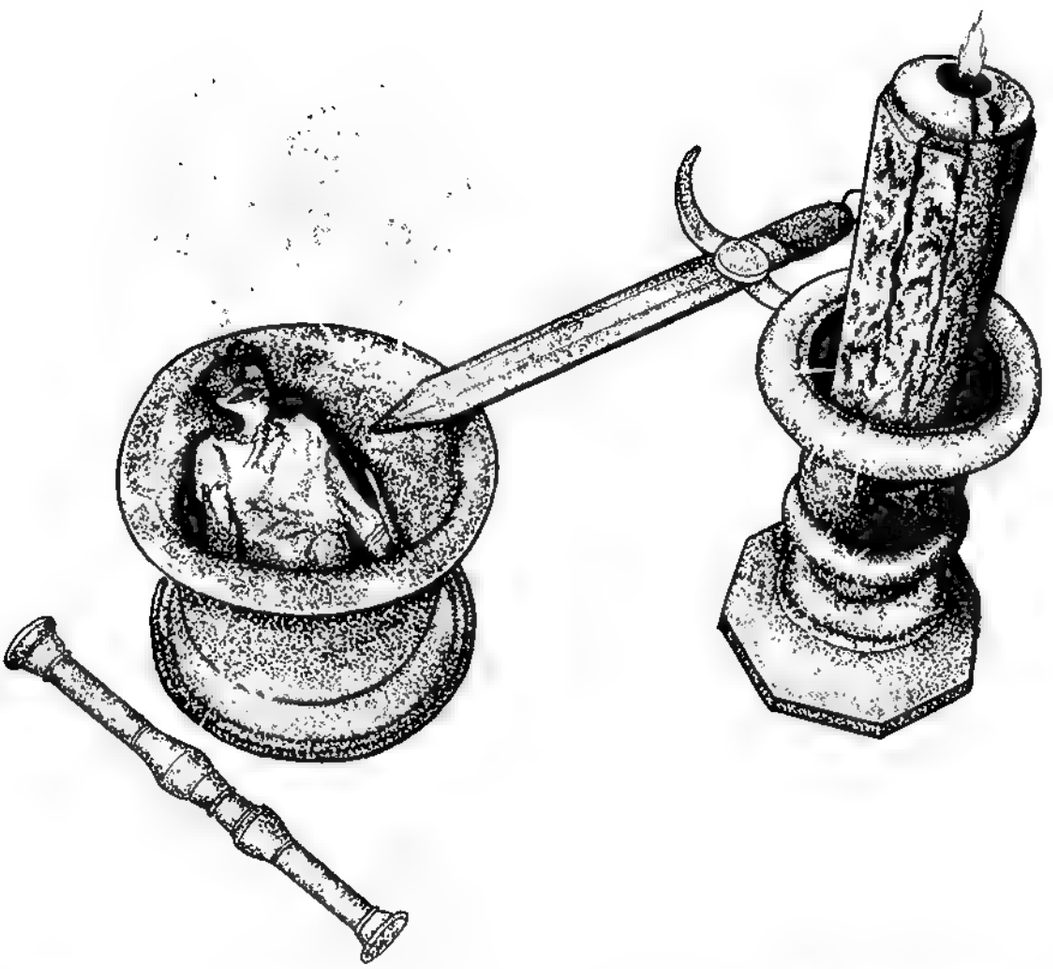
UUUUUH...

KYAAAH!
AAAARGH!

RUN HIDEBOU!
ドサッ
HAAH, HAAH.
AH!

ARGH!
EKO EKO AZARAK!
サラク
?!
AAAAH, AREN'T YOU THE GIRL FROM THE CINEMA?!

AND MANAGED TO ESCAPE EASILY BY TRANSFORMING INTO A WOLF VIA MAGIC.
I'D PLANNED TO RETURN IT TO YOU.
I WAS GLAD I COULD GET THE PURSE BACK FROM THE VENDOR, BUT THEN I WAS CAUGHT BY THE POLICE.
AAAAAH, I'M BEAT.
HE MUST'VE FLED THIS WAY.
THAT'S WHY THEY TELL YOU ABOUT THE STORY OF THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF.
SEE KID, IF YOU TELL NOTHING BUT LIES, SOMETIMES THEY MIGHT COME TRUE.
OH, SEEMS SOME MORE TROUBLE'S COMING.
MM, GOT IT.
BYE BYE MIIIISS!
GOT THAT. STOP WITH THE LIES.



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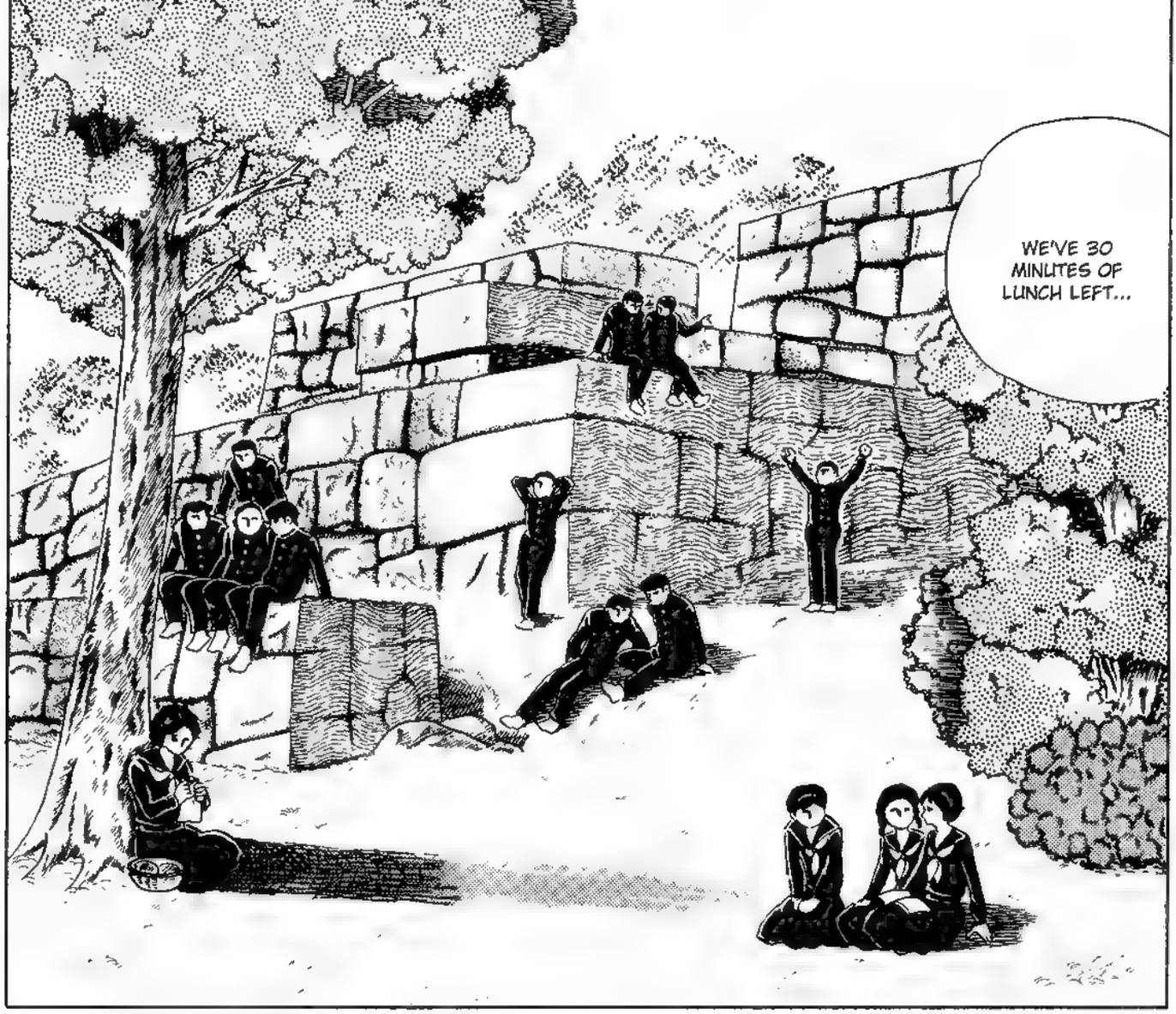

WE'VE 30 MINUTES OF LUNCH LEFT...

HM?

GEEZ, THAT'S NO FUN...

MM...
TOMORROW'S THE ENGLISH TEST, ISN'T IT?

"ATTENTION" IS "CHUUI"...
"BEE" IS "MITSUBACHI". "BLOOM" IS "HANA"... "HANA GA SAKU"...

KUROI-SAN'S CERTAINLY PASSIONATE...
"NOISE" IS... "SOU-ON" OR "MONO-OTO"...
"SHELL" IS "KAIGARA"...
EEERM, "SHELF" WAS... WHAT WAS "SHELF" AGAIN...
AH!
AH, WATCH OUT!

?!
AAAAARGH!

SHE'S FLOATING ON THE AIR!
WHAT'S UP NAGAI?
AAAAARGH!
AH!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
N... NO. I'M SURE SHE WAS WALKING ON THE AIR JUST NOW.
WHAT'RE YOU ON ABOUT. SHE'S JUST WALKING ALONG LIKE NORMAL.
YES... SHE WAS CALMLY WALKING ON THE AIR...

NOW I'M WORRIED ABOUT TOMORROW'S TEST...
AAAAH....
I'M SURE I COULD REMEMBER IT PROPERLY YESTERDAY....
NO GOOD, NO GOOD.
?
MISA-SAN...
I BOW MY HEAD TO YOUR MAGIC.
AS YOU CAN SEE...
WALKING ON THE AIR...? YOU'RE SAYING I WAS?
I'VE LONG DREAMT OF PEOPLE BECOMING ABLE TO WALK ON THE AIR.

YOU'RE AN AMAZING HUMAN!
IT'S AMAZING!
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME, I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES!
SURE YOU WEREN'T JUST HALF ASLEEP, NAGAI-KUN?
ENOUGH ALREADY! REALLY!
IN FACT, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SOMEDAY FLY FREELY THROUGH THE SKY LIKE A BIRD!
YOU COULD BRING ABOUT AN INCREDIBLY BRIGHT FUTURE FOR MANKIND!
WAIT, KUROI-SAN!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! GEEZ!
MI... MISA-SAN...

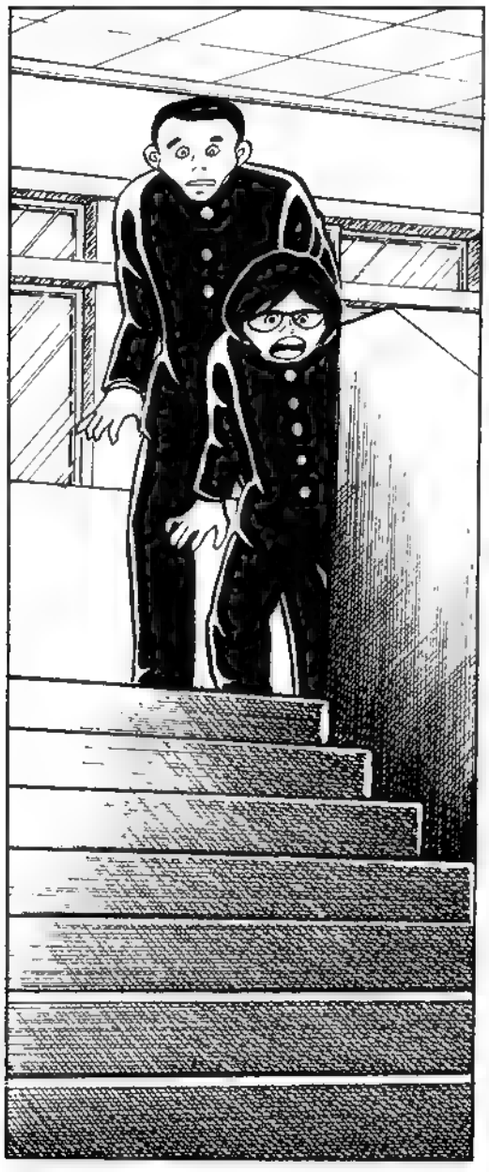
I'M SO JEALOUS.
OH, YOU GOT A LOVE LETTER?

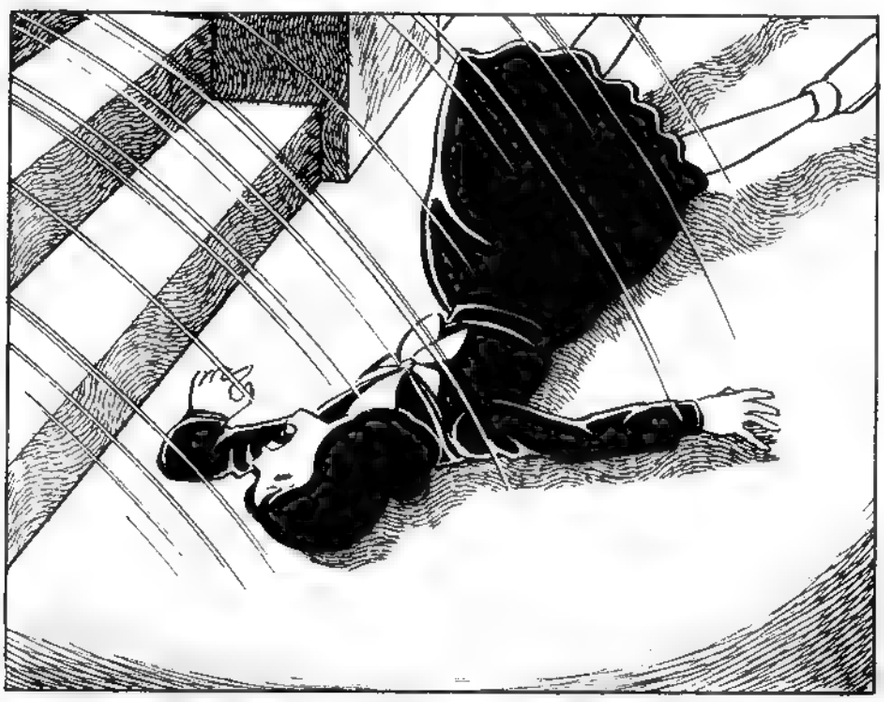
WHY WOULD MISA-SAN TRY AND HIDE IT.
I DON'T GET IT...

UFUFU... I'M SURE SHE MUST FLY AROUND IN THE AIR LIKE A SWAN...

AHAHA!
SURE YOU'RE ALL TOGETHER IN THE HEAD, NAGAI?
YOU HAVE ANOTHER DREAM ABOUT FLYING?
HMPH! YOU'RE FREE NOT TO BELIEVE ME!
AND JUST NOW HE BLURTED OUT THAT KUROI-SAN COULD FLY THROUGH THE AIR!
YEAH. BEFORE HE SAID HE'D BE A SCIENTIST IN THE FUTURE, AND GO EXPLORE MARS.
NAGAI ALWAYS HAS SUCH CRAZY DREAMS.
TEST...?
FUFUFU... WELL THEN. HOW ABOUT WE TEST TO SEE IF KUROI-SAN REALLY CAN FLY THROUGH THE AIR!
WHAT WAS THAT!

YOU... YOU CAN'T BE THINKING OF PUSHING HER DOWN THE STAIRS...
FUFUFU. TAKE A GOOD LOOK.
YEP. IF SHE CAN FLY THROUGH THE AIR THEN SHE WON'T FALL, WILL SHE.





IT HURTS...
HOW COULD YOU TWO BE SO CRUEL?!
MISA-SAN FELL DOWN?!
WH... WHAT A STUPID THING TO DO...!
TH... THAT'S NOT IT. I...
WAS THIS GUY. HE WANTED TO SEE IF MISA-SAN COULD FLY THROUGH THE AIR.
ダァーッ
I SHOULD LOOK INTO BLACK MAGIC MORE THOROUGHLY!
I'VE GOT IT!
THAT WAS NONSENSE... MISA-SAN FELL DOWN ON PURPOSE!
HAAH... HAAH...

WHEN WITCHES FLY THROUGH THE AIR, THEY DO SO NAKED, WHILE STRADDLED ON A BROOM...
AND SO NAGAI-KUN HEADED TO THE LIBRARY...
HMM, THIS IS IT!
TAROT
APPLYING THIS BALM TO YOUR BODY IS ITCHY, BUT GRANTS YOU THE MAGICAL POWER TO FLY THROUGH THE AIR...
THEY HAVE TO BE NAKED IN ORDER TO RUB A SPECIALLY MADE BALM OVER THEIR BODIES.

HOWEVER, THE TRUTH IS THAT IN THE BALM IS A TYPE OF HERB CALLED BELLADONNA. USED AS A NARCOTIC, IT SIMPLY GIVES HALLUCINATIONS OF FLYING THROUGH THE AIR, NOTHING MORE.

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A HALLUCI-NATION...?!
魔術

I'M SURE THERE'S SOME SECRET METHOD TO IT...
MISA-SAN REALLY WAS FLOATING ON THE AIR!
SO THEN LEVITATION IS JUST A TRICK!
A SECRET METHOD...
THAT CAN'T BE, WHAT I SAW WAS NO HALLUCINATION!
洋書買入
FOREIGN BOOKS BOUGHT
北沢書店
TEL (03) 7881
古本売買
LATER, NAGAI-KUN BEGAN TO SEARCH SECOND HAND BOOK-STORES.

THEY'RE CERTAINLY MYSTERIOUS.
THESE ARE TECHINQUES USED BY INDIAN MAGICIANS.
THERE'S TONS OF BOOKS HERE TO DO WITH MAGIC.
AH! HERE! THE SECRET METHOD OF LEVITATION!
DRAW A MAGIC CIRCLE WITH THE BALM, THEN CAST THE SPELL ON YOUR BODY...

ALONGSIDE MEDICINAL HERBS...
Cowbane
Cowbane Root
Wolfsbane
SKINK LIZARDS, CENTIPEDES AND GRIND INTO A FINE POWDER...
FOR THE BALM GET DRIED TOADS, VIPERS...
THIAT'S WHY MISA-SAN TRIED TO PLAY DUMB.
UFUFUFUFU, RIGHT...
IT'S WRITTEN THAT IT SHOULD NEVER BE REVEALED TO OTHERS...
THIS REALLY IS A TYPE OF BLACK MAGIC...
AHAHA! HAD ANOTHER DREAM ABOUT FLYING THEN?!
IF I WERE TO TRY AND TEST IT OUT MYSELF...

I'LL GET MY OWN BACK ON ALL THOSE WHO MOCKED ME! SOON I'LL BE FLYING THROUGH THE AIR...!
THEY CAN LAUGH ALL THEY WANT...

ERASHIN, MOIN, METSUFIAS, SOTEL, EMMAS, EL...
DRAW A MAGIC CIRCLE WITH THE BALM, THEN RECITE THE CHANT...

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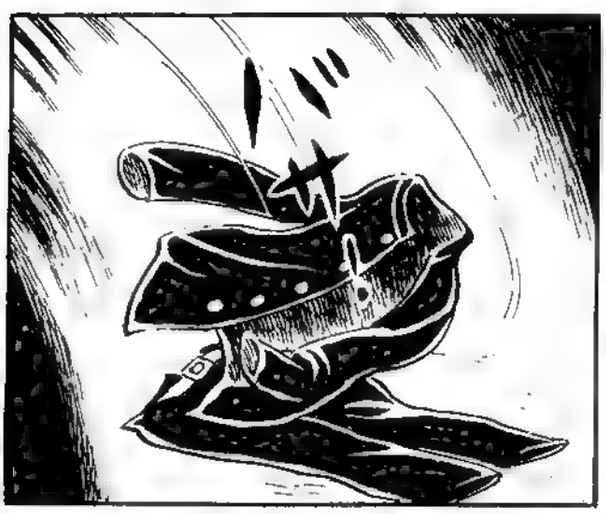

THEN STRIP....

レストラーク!!

サバオト!
ダマイ!
ステミル!

小山歯科
麻雀
クラブ赤い鳥

小山歯科
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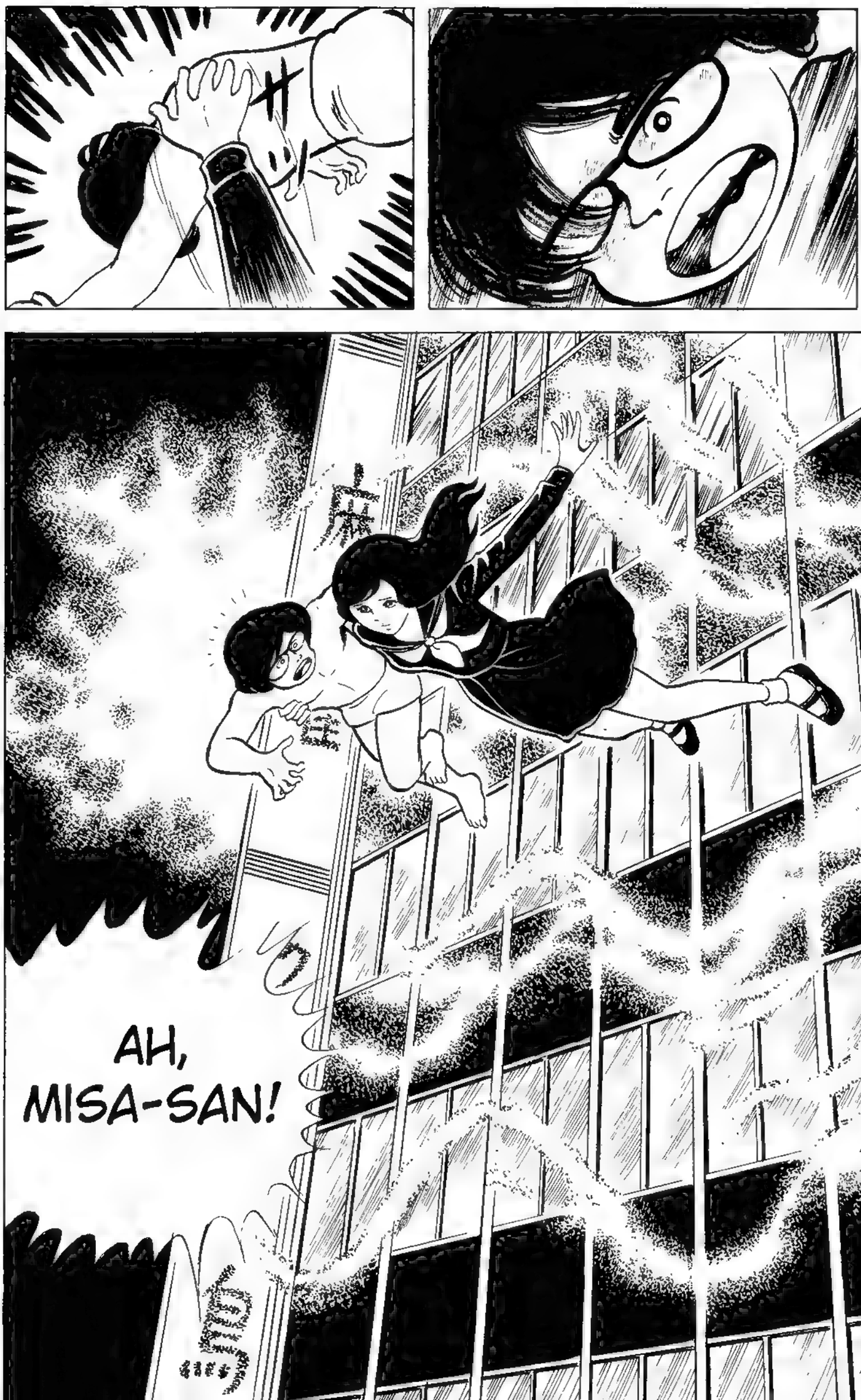
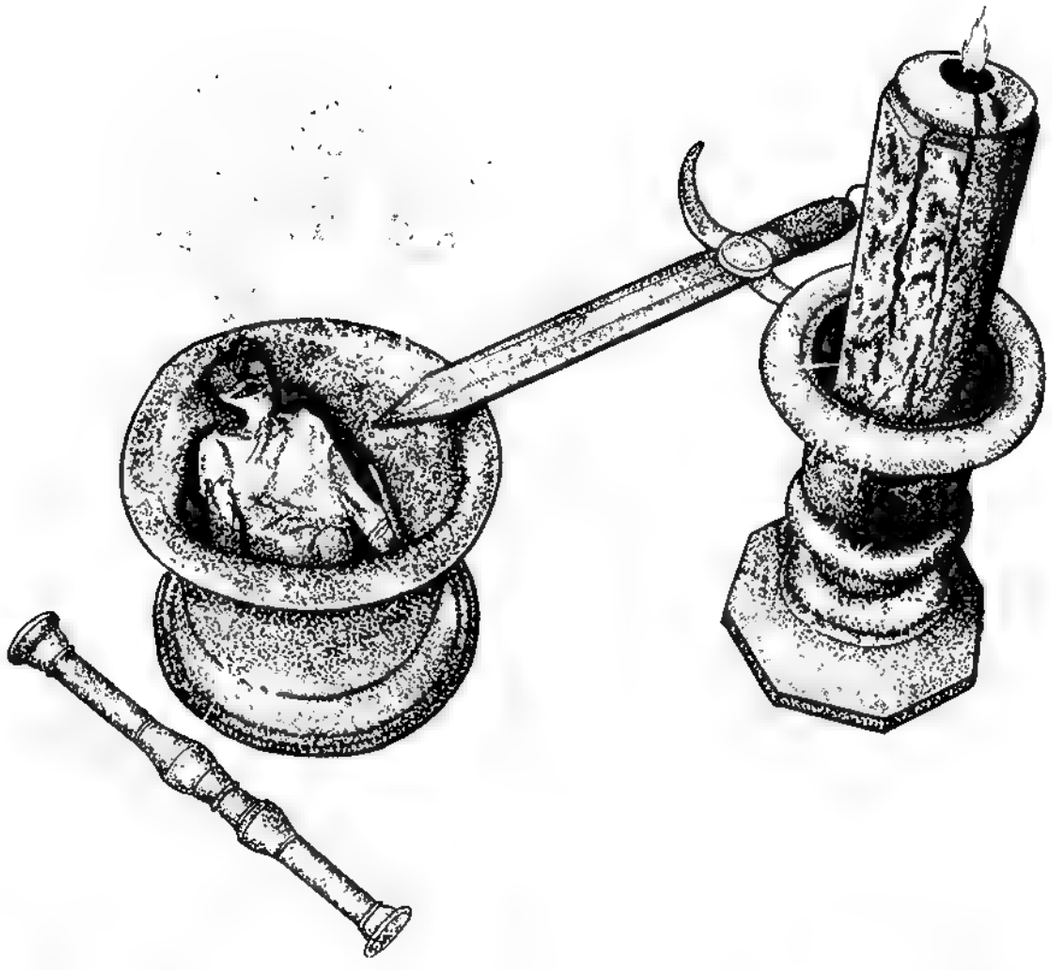
AH!


AH, MISA-SAN!

MY EYES WEREN'T PLAYING TRICKS ON ME. YOU REALLY CAN WALK ON THE AIR!
TRUE MAGIC LIKE WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THAT BOOK IS NO SIMPLE THING TO USE...
FORGET THAT NAGAI-KUN, YOU JUST TRIED TO DO SOMETHING INCREDIBLY RECKLESS.
I'LL BE HEADING BACK INSIDE, I'VE STILL HOMEWORK TO DO.
THE WEATHER'S GOTTEN BAD OUT HERE.
OH?
YOU CAN COPY FROM MY NOTEBOOK TOMORROW IF YOU WANT, MISA-SAN!



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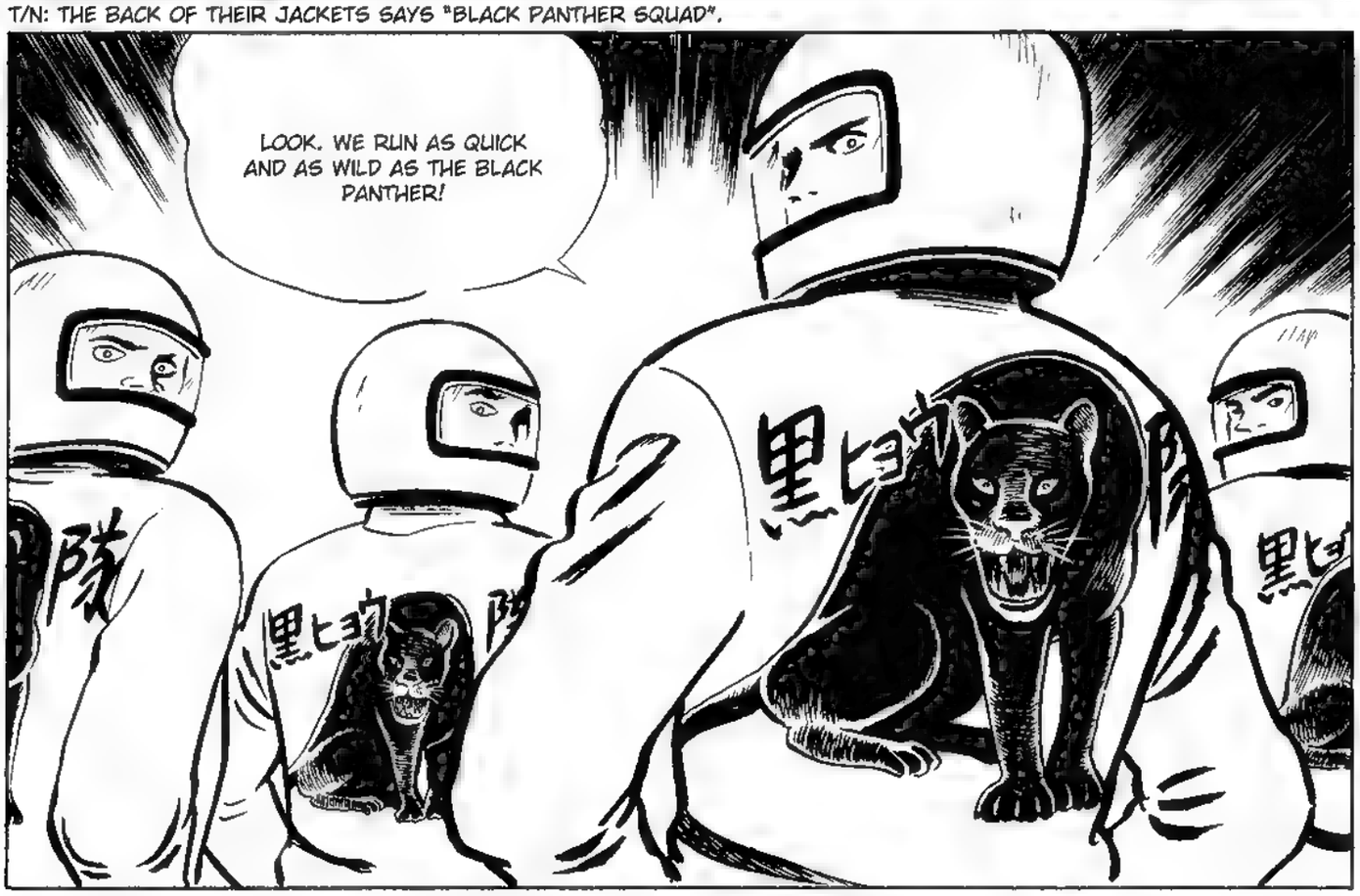
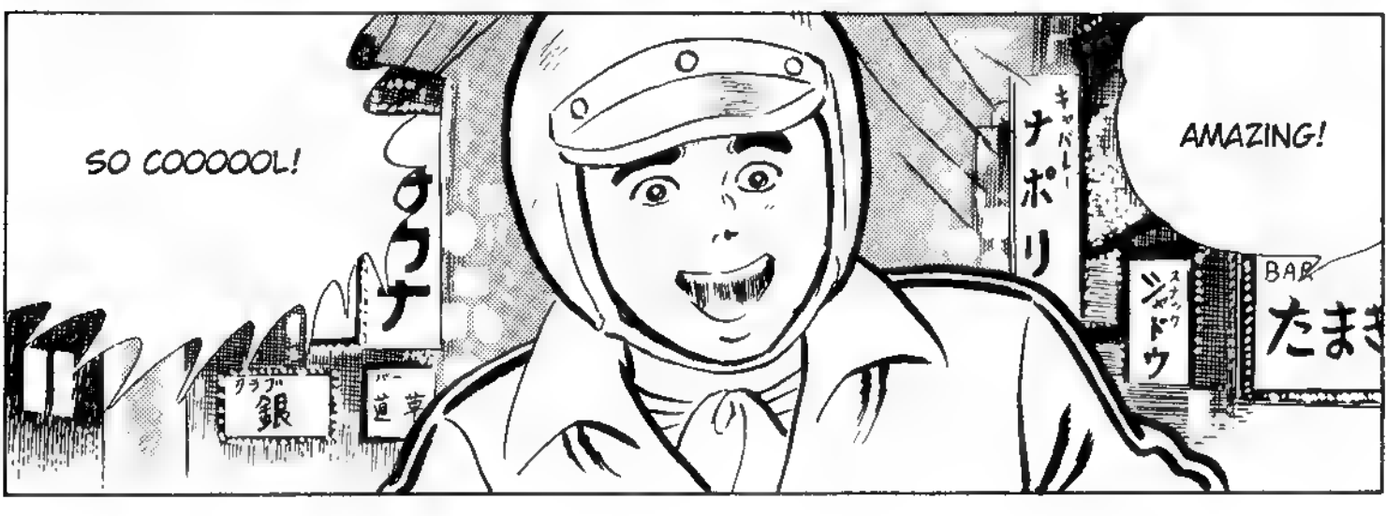
THE BLACK PANTHER LEAPS

T/N: THE BACK OF THEIR JACKETS SAYS "BLACK PANTHER SQUAD".





THANK YOU!
WELL WHATEVER. COME ON!
YOU'RE STILL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AREN'T YOU!
PLEASE, COULD I JOIN YOU!
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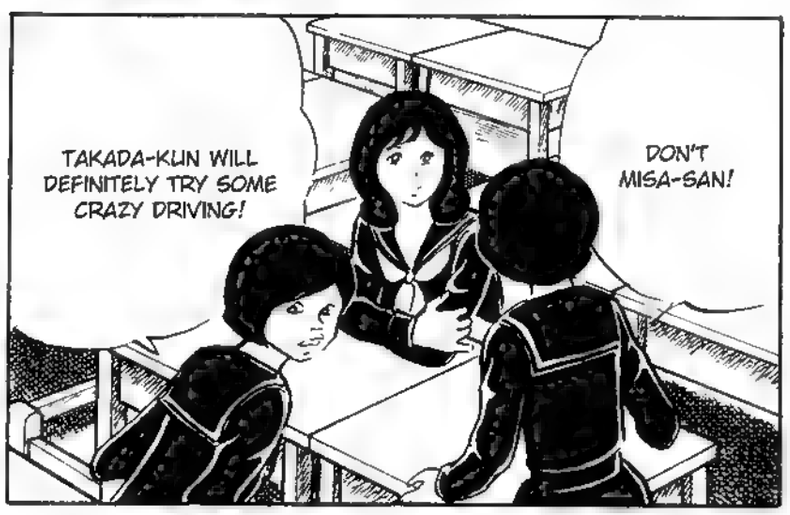
ドbbb!
AREN'T THEY A BUNCH OF DELINQUENTS WITH A REALLY BAD REPUTATION?
GOODNESS, THE BLACK PANTHER SQUAD?!

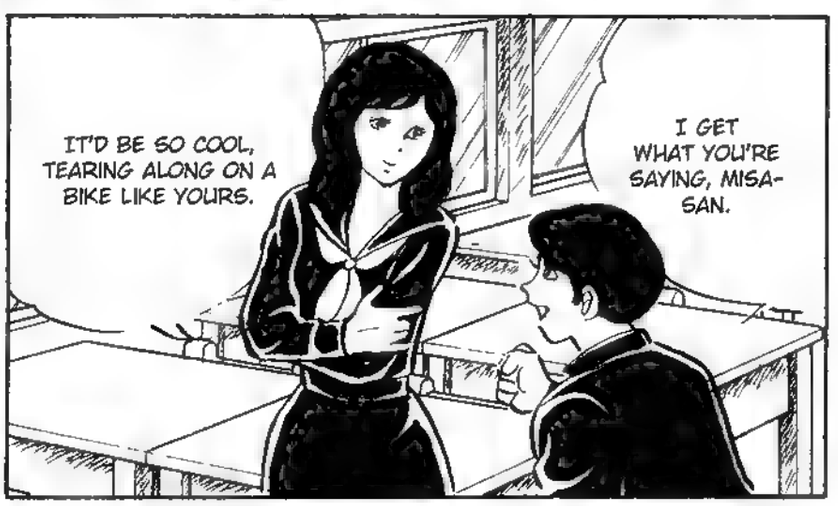
THE POLICE'LL GET YOU BEFORE LONG.
YOU'RE A MIDDLE SCHOOLER RIDING AROUND ON BIKES....
ENOUGH, PLEASE.
BUT THAT'S WHAT MAKES THEM SO COOL!
I WON'T MESS UP LIKE THAT.
WHAT'RE YOU ON ABOUT.
HE REALLY IS. UFUFU...
TAKADA-KUN'S ACTUALLY SCARED INSIDE.
NO, I'D PREFER TO STAY ALIVE.
OI, ANYONE WANT A RIDE ON MY 750CC BIKE?
DON'T JOKE AROUND! MY SKILLS ARE SECOND TO NONE!

HM?!
HOW ABOUT GIVING ME A RIDE...

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?!
WOULDN'T IT BE FUN THOUGH?


TAKADA-KUN WILL DEFINITELY TRY SOME CRAZY DRIVING!
DON'T MISA-SAN!

SO YOU WANT TO DESTRESS A BIT THEN.
RECENTLY ALL I'VE HAD IS TESTS...

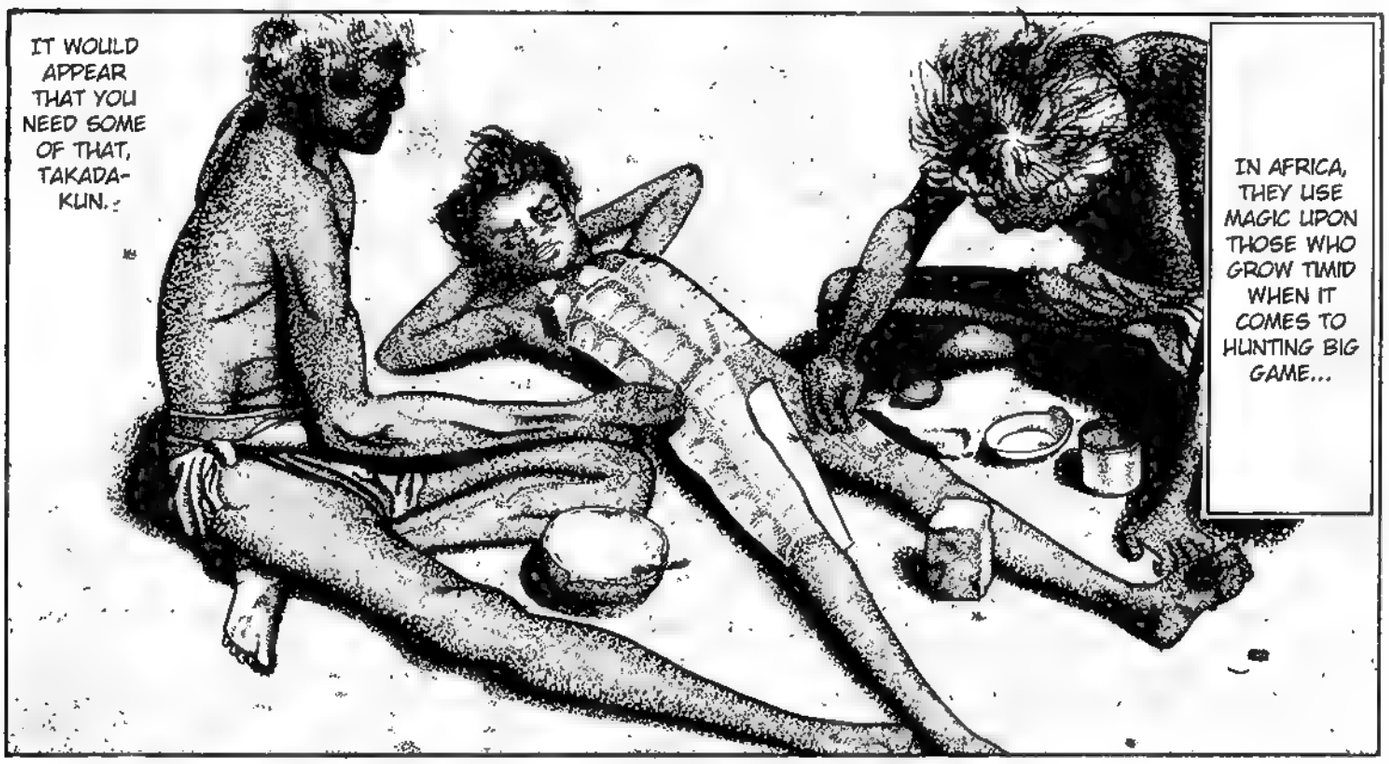

IT'D BE SO COOL, TEARING ALONG ON A BIKE LIKE YOURS.
I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, MISA-SAN.

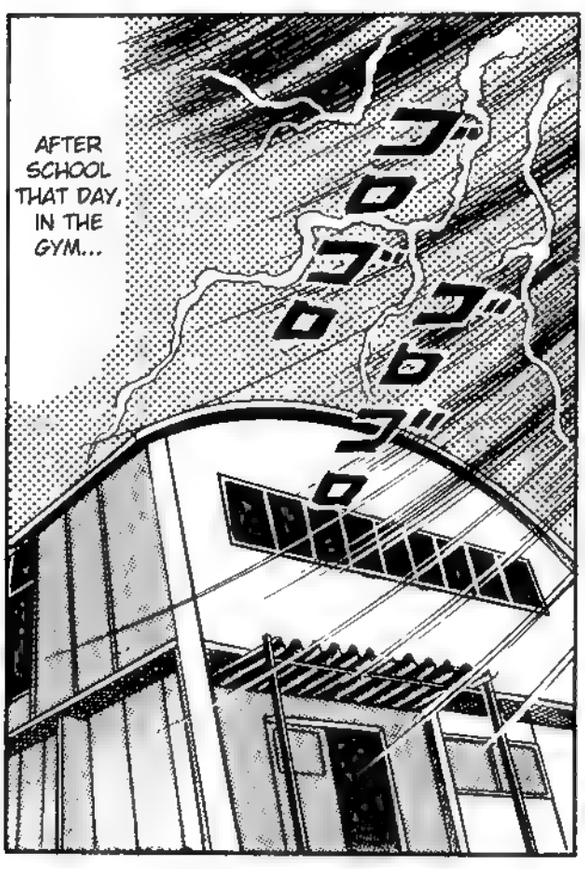
YET IT'D BE BORING SIMPLY RIDING AROUND LIKE NORMAL.
YOU SHOULD GO WILD, LIKE A BEAST THROUGHOUT THE TOWN.

LET'S GO NOW, TAKADA-KUN.
THEN YOU'D FEEL REFRESHED.

EH, N... NO IT'S...
SOMETHING WRONG TAKADA-KUN, SCARED TO GO ARE WE?

WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
FUFUFU... SO YOU WERE JUST BIGGING YOURSELF UP. I GUESS YOU'RE NOT THAT COURAGEOUS...


IT WOULD APPEAR THAT YOU NEED SOME OF THAT, TAKADA-KUN.
IN AFRICA, THEY USE MAGIC UPON THOSE WHO GROW TIMID WHEN IT COMES TO HUNTING BIG GAME...


AFTER SCHOOL THAT DAY, IN THE GYM...
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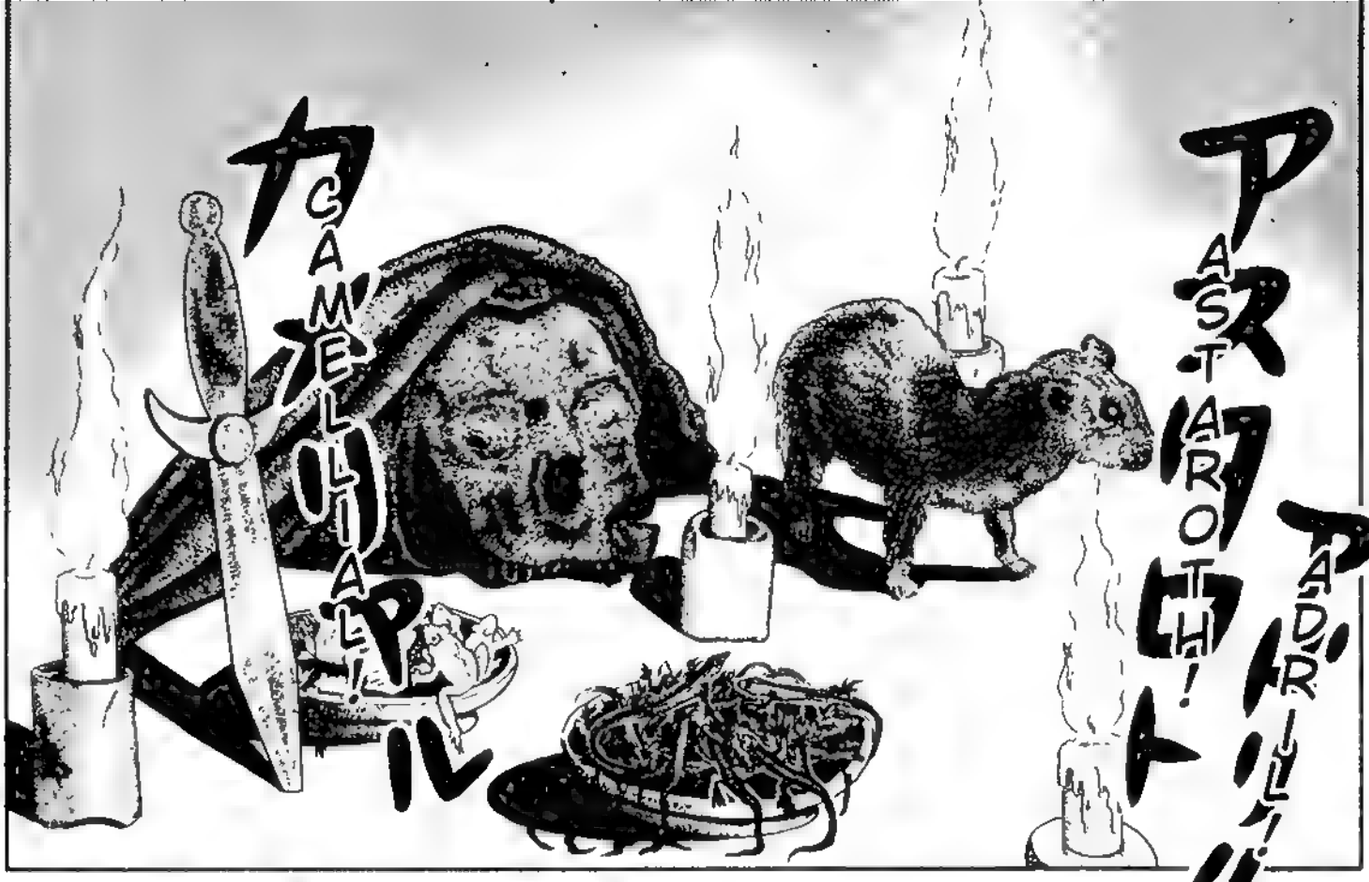
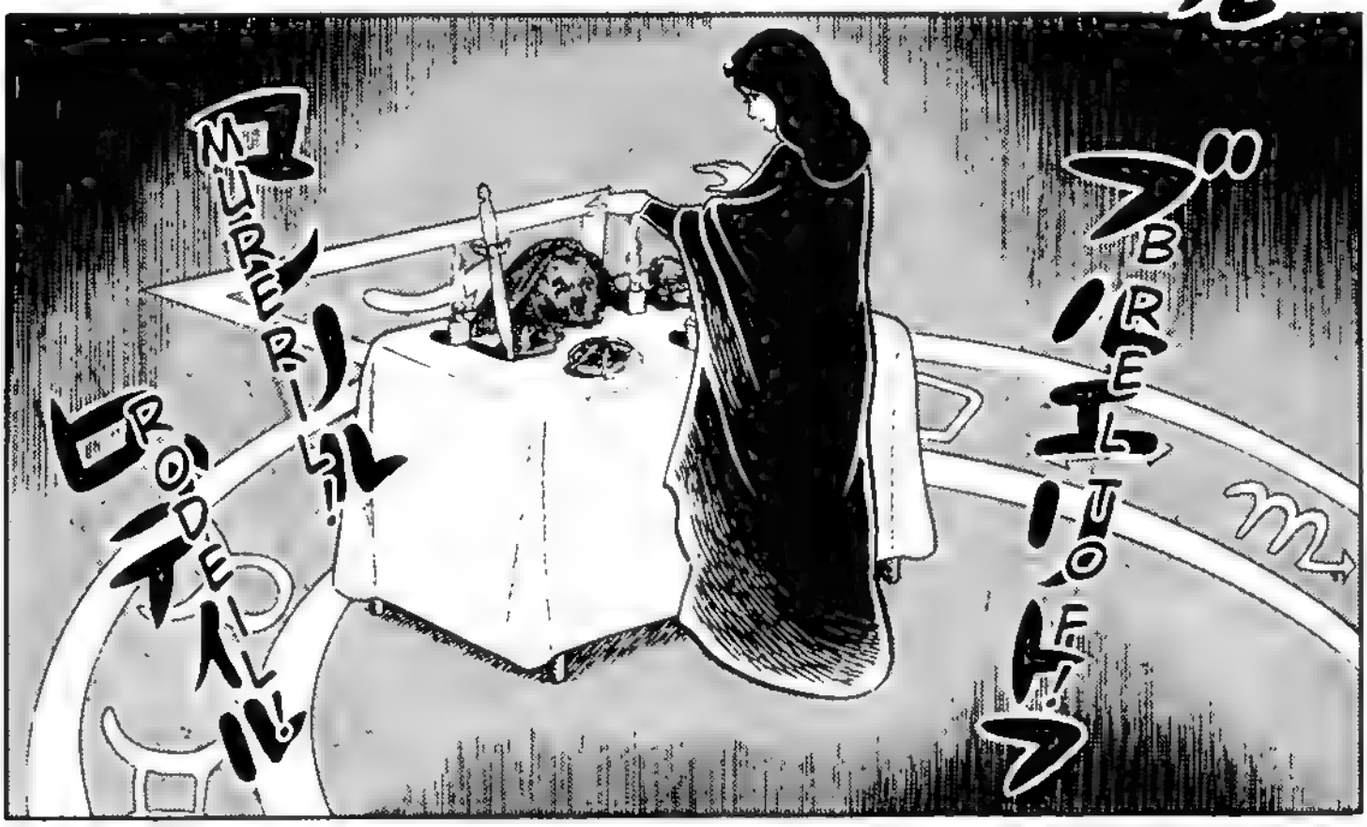
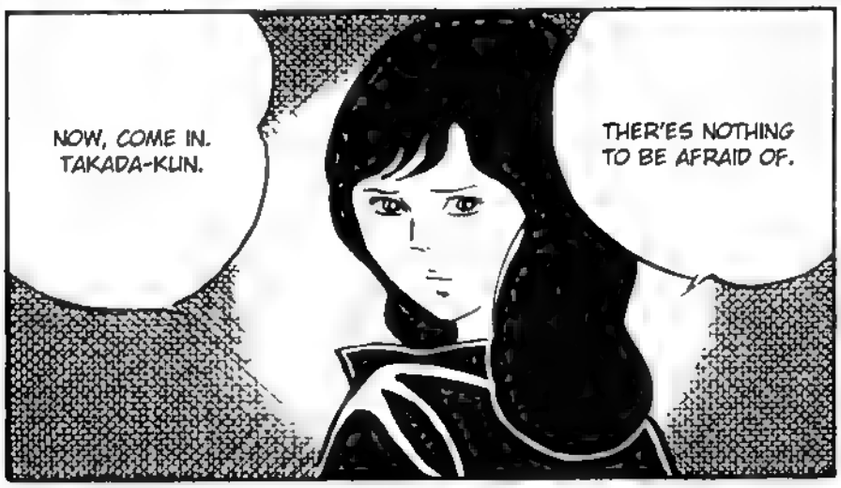
YOU HAVE TO GET STRONGER, ELSE YOU WON'T BE COOL!
I MEAN, YOU WANT TO BE A DELINQUENT RIGHT?


ASTAROTH!
CAMELIAL!


BREUTOF!
MURDER!
RODEL!


NOW, COME IN. TAKADA-KUN.
THER'ES NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

FIRST, PLEASE TAKE OFF YOUR SCHOOL
STAY IN THE MAGIC CIRLCE.
LISTEN UP. NO MATTER WHAT MAY OCCUR, YOU ARE
HERE I SHALL CALL FORTH A DEMON TO YOU, VIA THE POWER OF BLACK
ASTAROTH, ADRIL, CAMELLIAL, BRELTOF...
SATAN. GRANT US YOUR

KADOM!
ARIELIAL!
KALNIN!
TERILON!
BAOLD!
PREOLM!
REBIOLBAS!
BESTRIA!
GUOOOO
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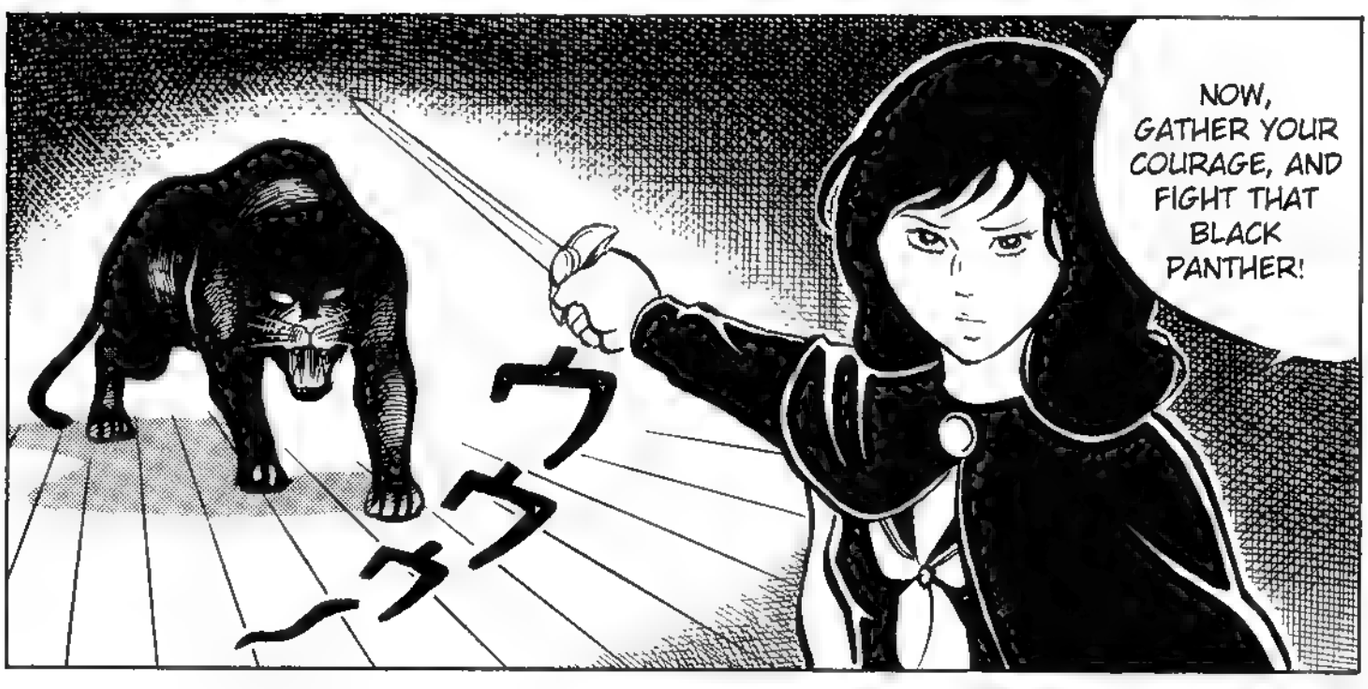
NOW, GATHER YOUR COURAGE, AND FIGHT THAT BLACK PANTHER!

DIDN'T YOU WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHER SQUAD?
FIGHT UNTIL YOU ARE EXHAUSTED!

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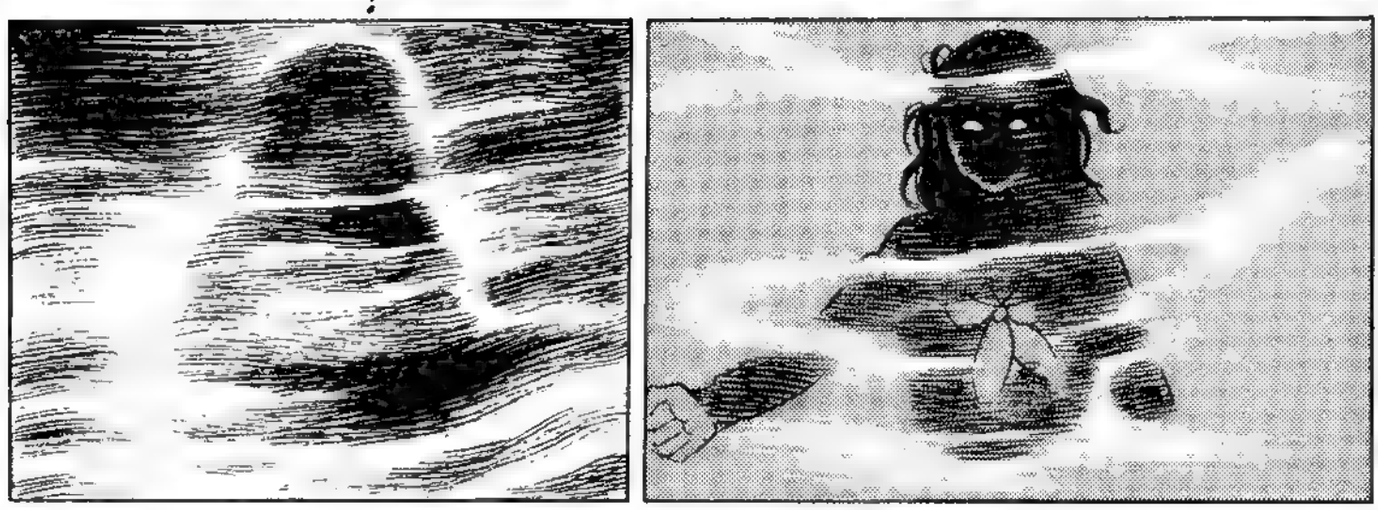
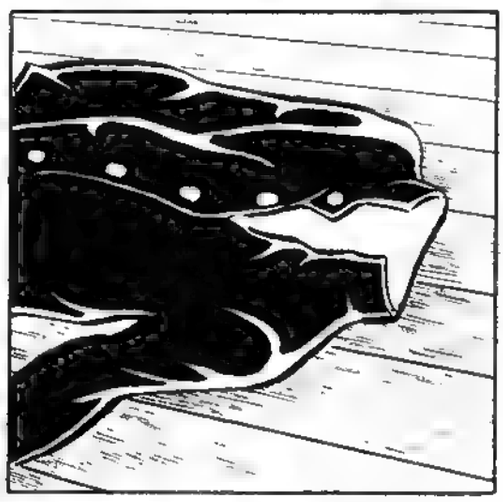


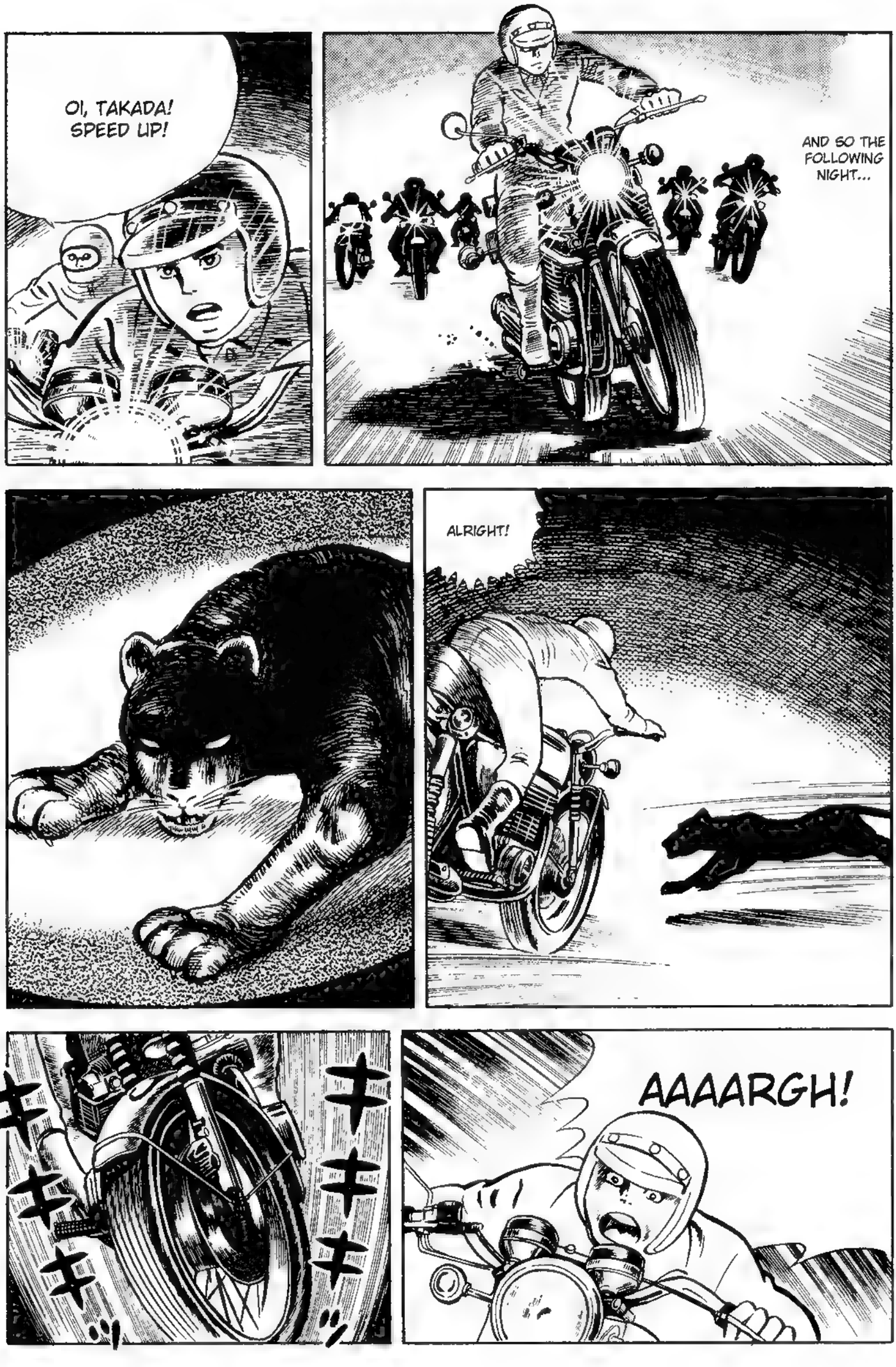
KU...
KUROI-SAN'S
GONE!

AH!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
IT'S LIKE I WAS IN
A DREAM...



I... I'VE NO
INJURIES
NOW!


OI, TAKADA! SPEED UP!
AND SO THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...
ALRIGHT!
AAAARGH!

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TCH! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
IT... IT WAS A DOG...
WANTED TO CHECK THEIR CONDITION QUICK.
HEHEH, I JUST...
YOU SUDDENLY BRAKED...
OI, THE HELL YOU DOING?
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YOU'VE NO HOPE OF RIDING BIKES LIKE THESE.
YOU'RE STILL JUST A BRAT.
WH... WHAT DID YOU SAY?
ACTING LIKE THAT'LL MAKE YOUR MACHINE CRY.
WHAT A USELESS RIDER.
AHAHAHA!
FORGET COMING ALONG WITH US, JUST GO HOME. I BET IT'S YOUR BED TIME NOW!
...
FINE THEN, I'LL SHOW THEM WHAT I'VE GOT!
SCREW IIIT! I'M A MIDDLE SCHOOLER YET THEY'RE TREATING ME LIKE A FOOL!

SHIIIIT!
COME OOON, COME OOON!
WELL THEN, LET'S KICK UP THE SPEED!
LOOKS LIKE HE PLANS TO OVERTAKE US!
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COME ON, TAG ME ALREADY!
JUST A LITTLE MORE!
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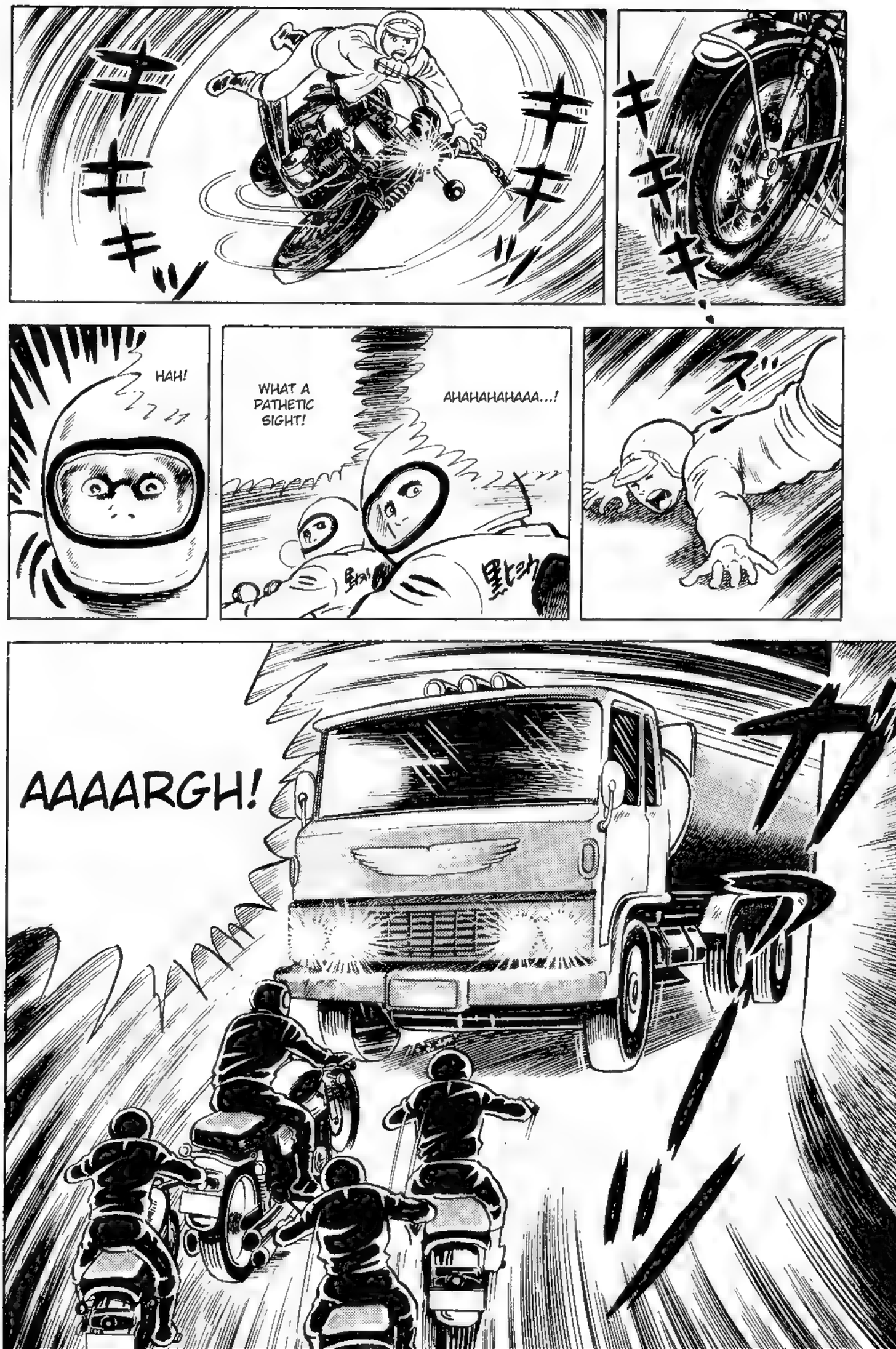
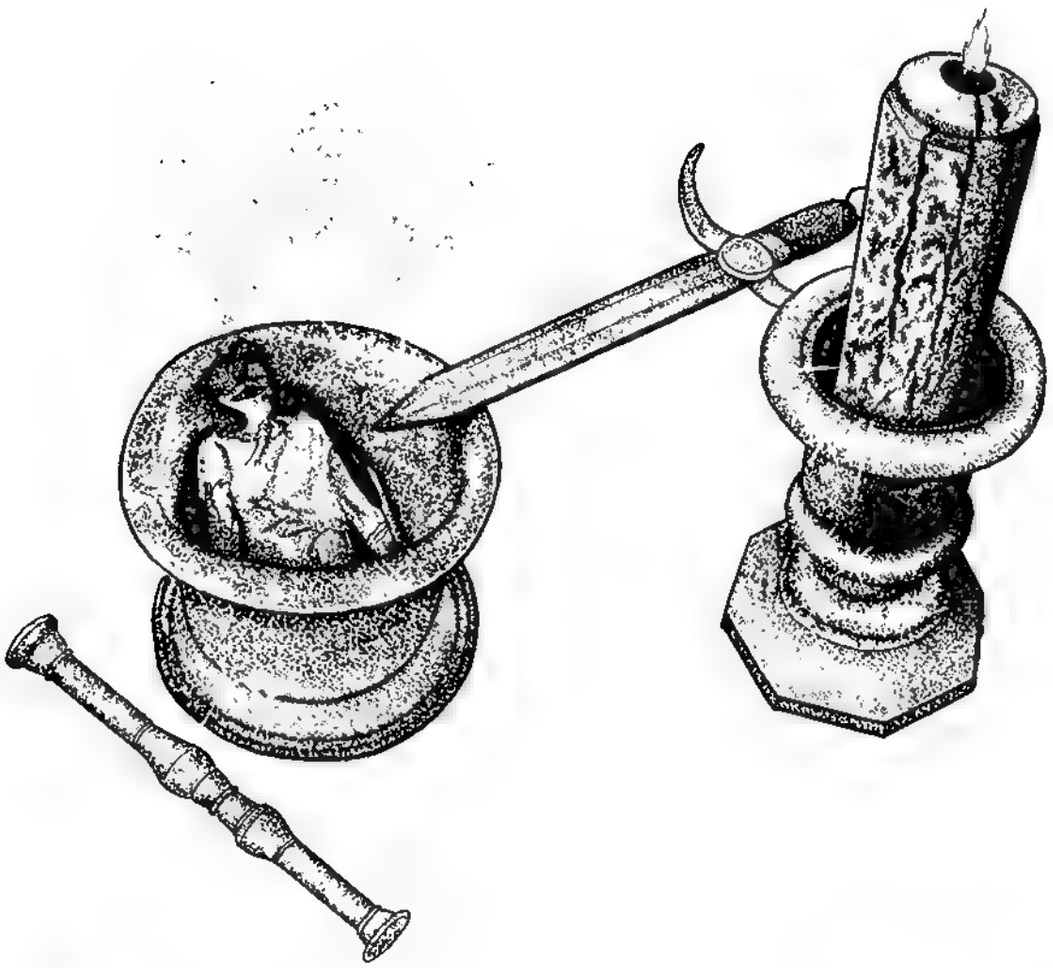
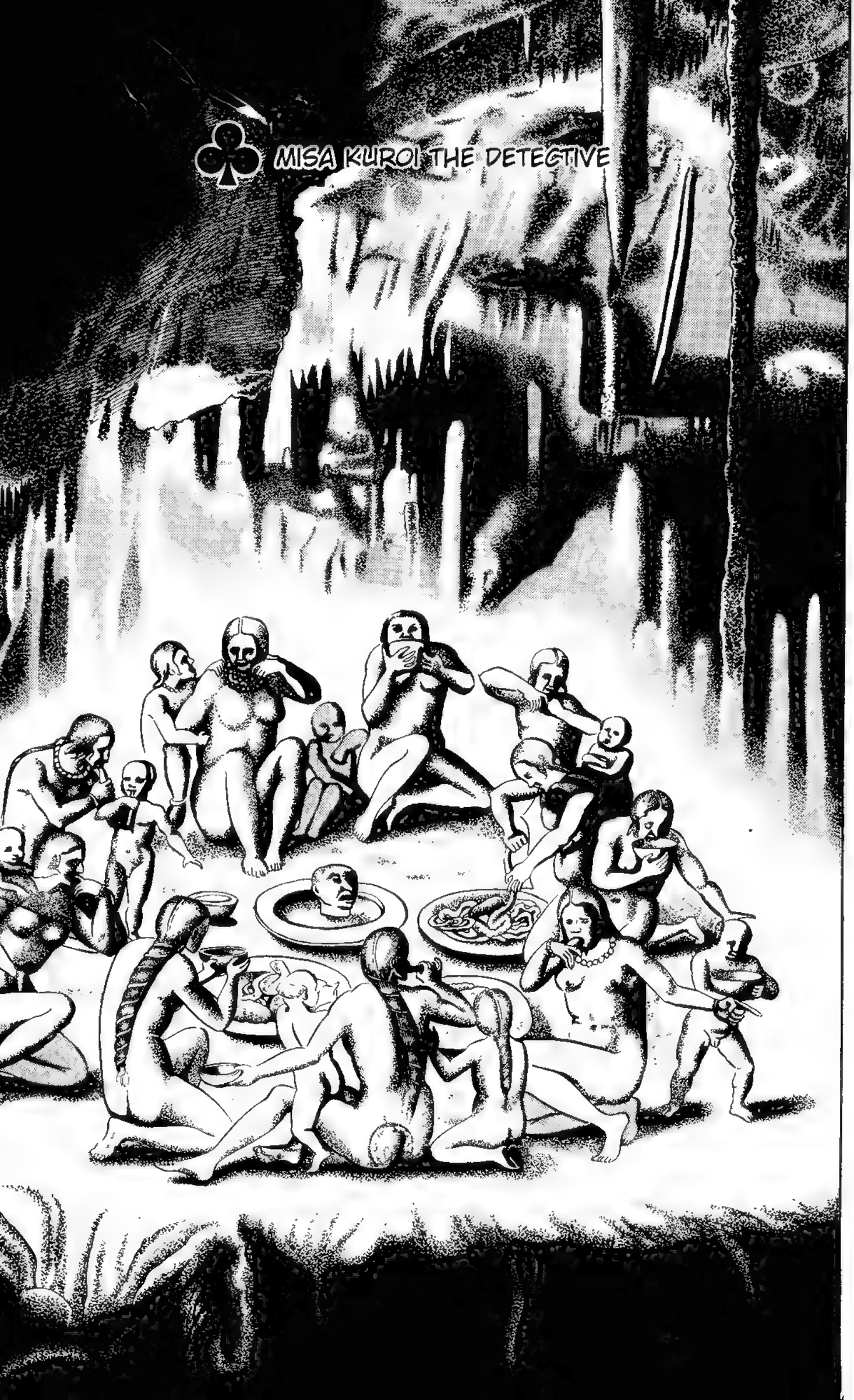
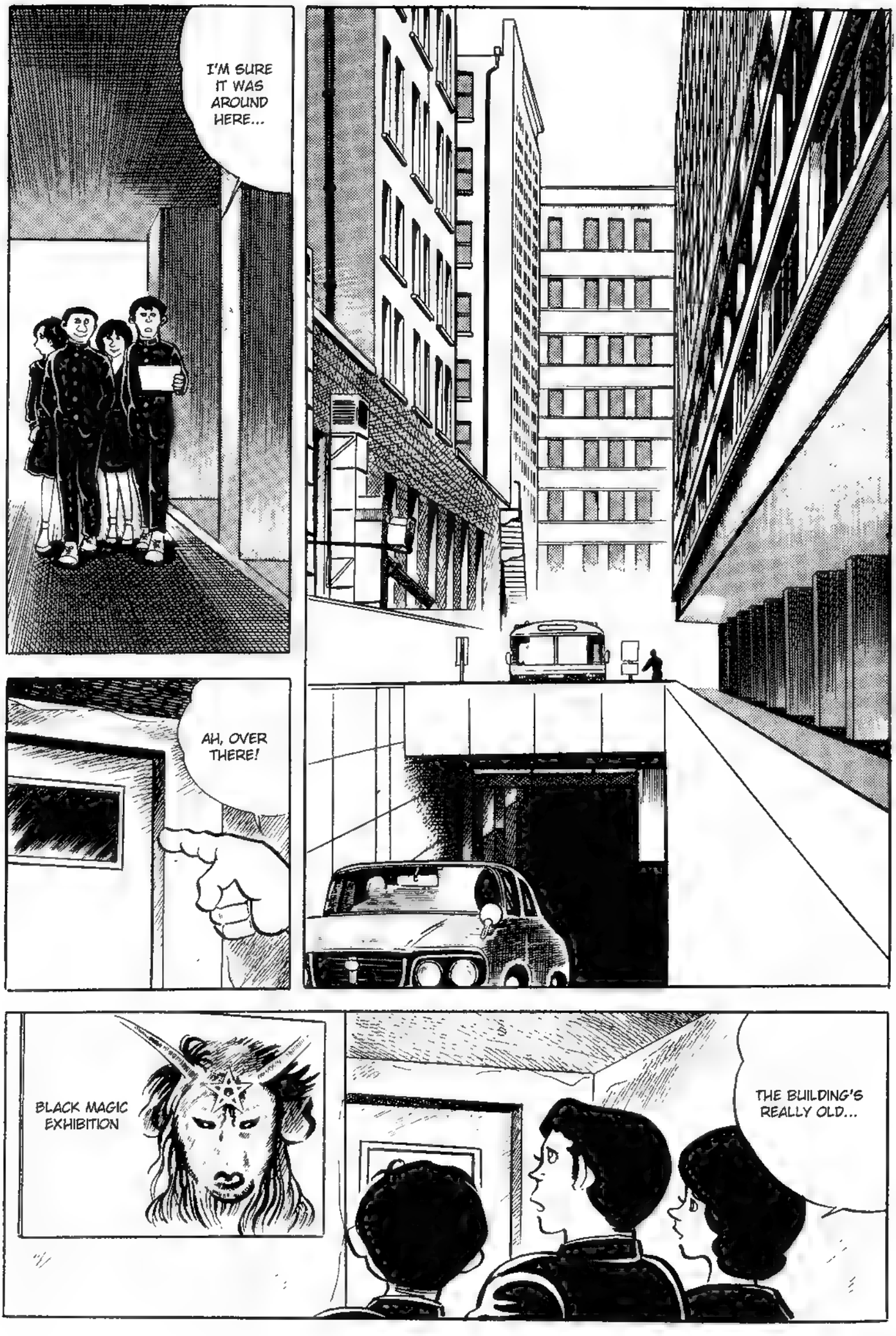

HAH!
WHAT A PATHETIC SIGHT!
AHAHAHAHAAA...!
AAAARGH!

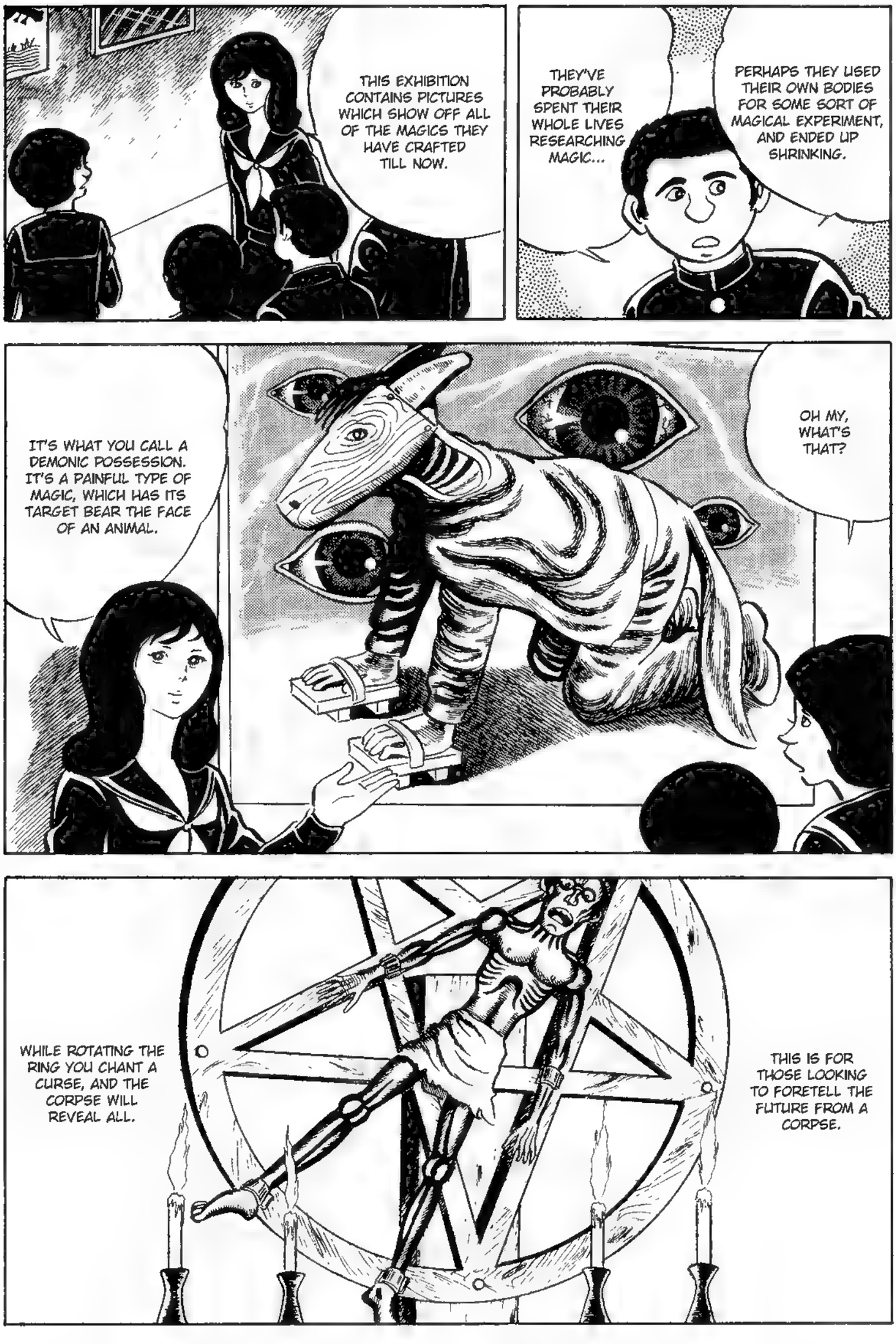
KU... KUROI-SAN!
YOU HAD A VERY NARROW ESCAPE.
WHAT IS ALL THIS... IF I DIDN'T BREAK, I WOULD'VE GOTTEN CAUGHT UP IN THAT TOO...
SO LONG, TAKADA-KUN...
DELINQUENTS SURE ARE COOL, AREN'T THEY.
SUCH ACCIDENTS ALWAYS SEEMS TO HAPPEN EVENTUALLY.

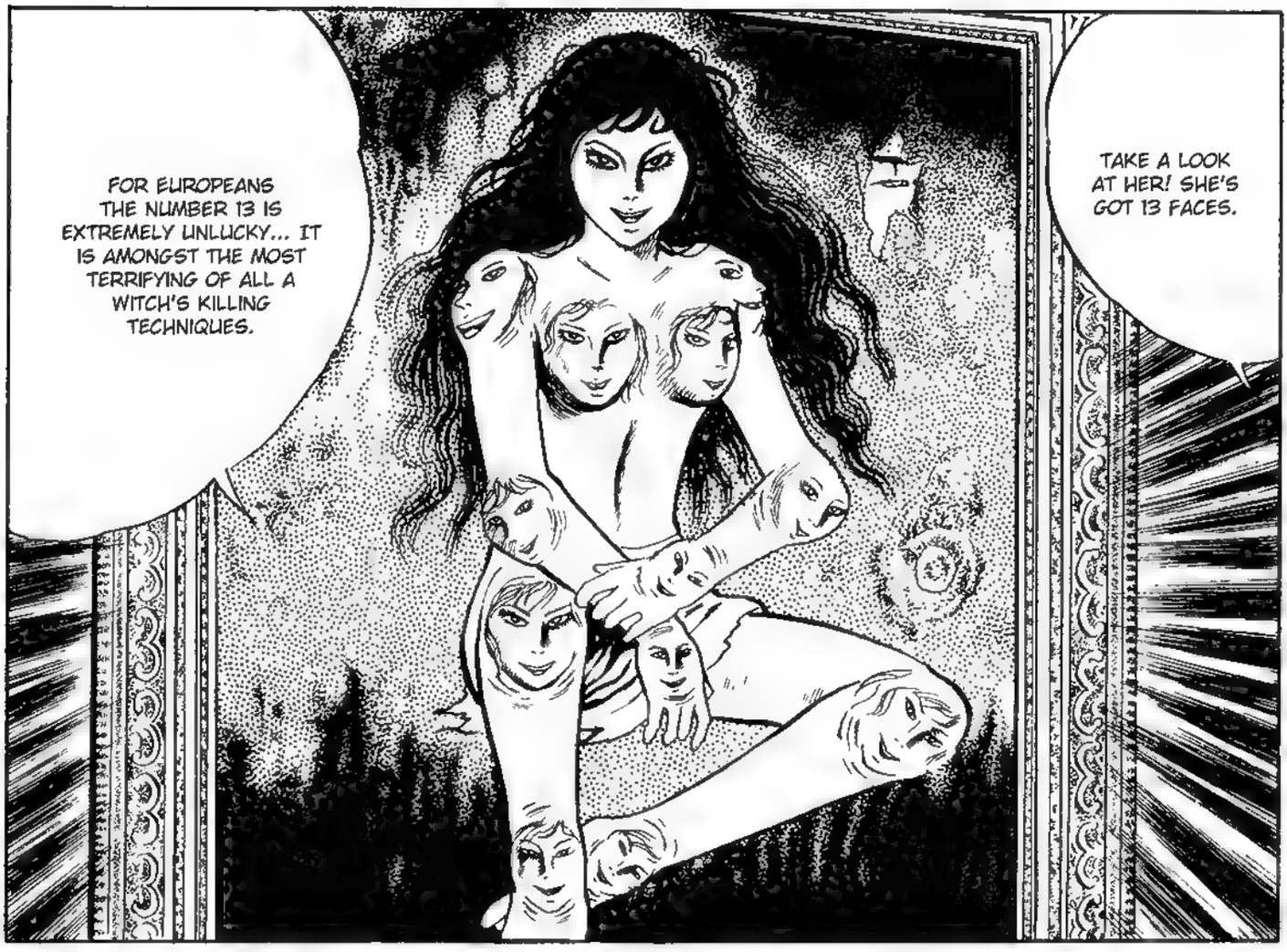



MISA KUROI THE DETECTIVE

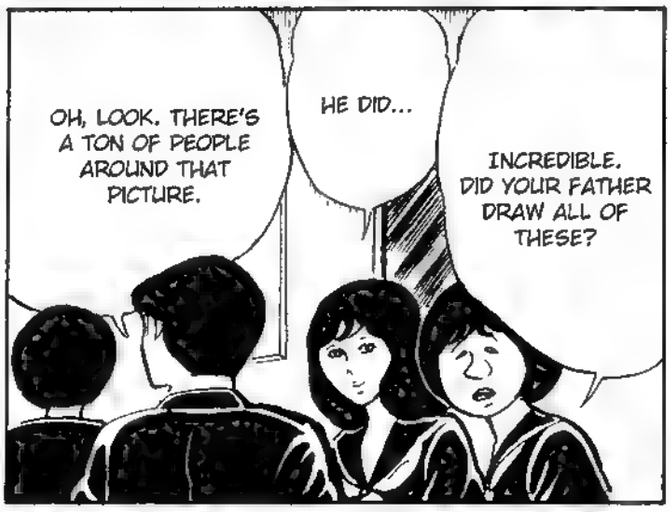

I'M SURE IT WAS AROUND HERE...
AH, OVER THERE!
BLACK MAGIC EXHIBITION
THE BUILDING'S REALLY OLD...

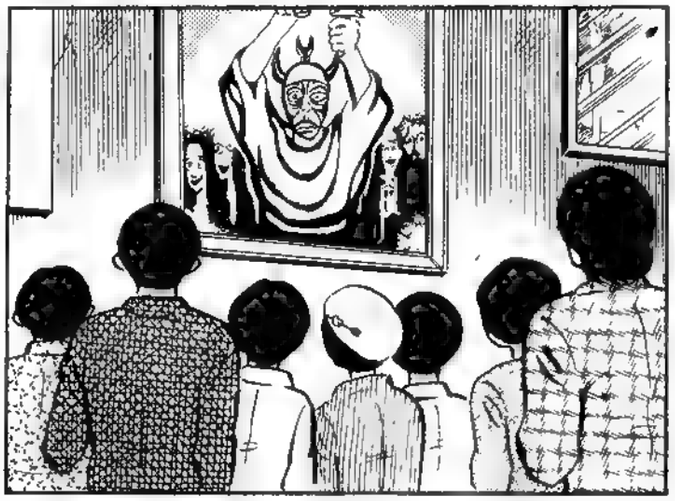
THERE'S A BUNCH OF THE CLASS WHO'RE STILL TO ARRIVE.
I'M GLAD YOU ALL COULD COME.
AAAH, HELLO THERE.
THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD LET THEM MISS IT.
AFTER ALL YOUR FATHER'S HOLDING THIS EXHIBITION...
EH!
WE'RE MISA'S PARENTS, A PLEASURE.
THANK YOU KINDLY!
MY, I'M SO HAPPY.
I THOUGHT THEY WERE DOLLS...
HOW SURPRISING. TO THINK THEY'RE MISA'S PARENTS...
YES, PAPA.
ALRIGHT MISA, HOW ABOUT YOU SHOW THEM ALL AROUND.


THIS EXHIBITION CONTAINS PICTURES WHICH SHOW OFF ALL OF THE MAGICS THEY HAVE CRAFTED TILL NOW.
THEY'VE PROBABLY SPENT THEIR WHOLE LIVES RESEARCHING MAGIC...
PERHAPS THEY USED THEIR OWN BODIES FOR SOME SORT OF MAGICAL EXPERIMENT, AND ENDED UP SHRINKING.
IT'S WHAT YOU CALL A DEMONIC POSSESSION. IT'S A PAINFUL TYPE OF MAGIC, WHICH HAS ITS TARGET BEAR THE FACE OF AN ANIMAL.
OH MY, WHAT'S THAT?
WHILE ROTATING THE RING YOU CHANT A CURSE, AND THE CORPSE WILL REVEAL ALL.
THIS IS FOR THOSE LOOKING TO FORETELL THE FUTURE FROM A CORPSE.

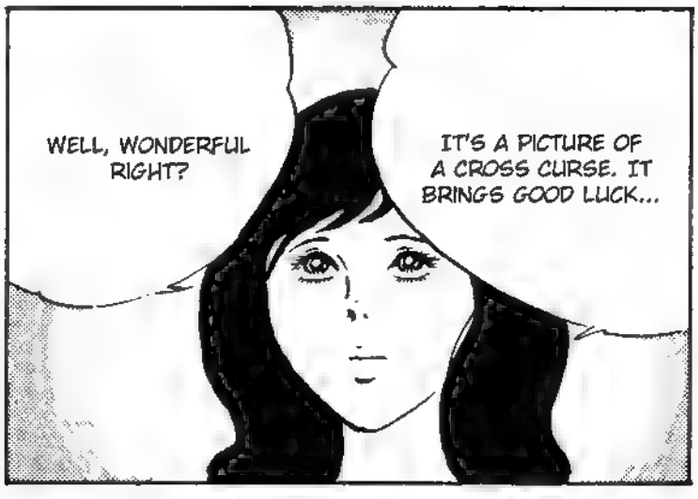

FOR EUROPEANS THE NUMBER 13 IS EXTREMELY UNLUCKY... IT IS AMONGST THE MOST TERRIFYING OF ALL A WITCH'S KILLING TECHNIQUES.
TAKE A LOOK AT HER! SHE'S GOT 13 FACES.

THAT'S PAPA'S GREATEST WORK.


OH, LOOK. THERE'S A TON OF PEOPLE AROUND THAT PICTURE.
HE DID...
INCREDIBLE. DID YOUR FATHER DRAW ALL OF THESE?



IT DOES.
DOES IT REALLY BRING YOU GOOD FORTUNE?


WELL, WONDERFUL RIGHT?
IT'S A PICTURE OF A CROSS CURSE. IT BRINGS GOOD LUCK...

I'M SURE IF I EXPLAIN THAT TO PAPA HE'D BE HAPPY TO.
IT'D BE SIMPLE.
I'M APPLYING FOR UNI, AND SINCE MY FAMILY ARE POOR I'M ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT MY FINANCES.
COULD I HAVE THE PICTURE THEN?
WOOOOAH...
DIDN'T HE GO CRAZY DURING AN EXAM AND BREAKDOWN?
HMPH! WHAT NONSENSE. THAT NISHIKAWA'S ACTUALLY SERIOUS.

TCH. THE NEIGHBOUR'S STEREO AGAIN!
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SHIT.
MMM, MY HEAD'S SO MURKY.
THEY'RE ALWAYS SO NOISY.
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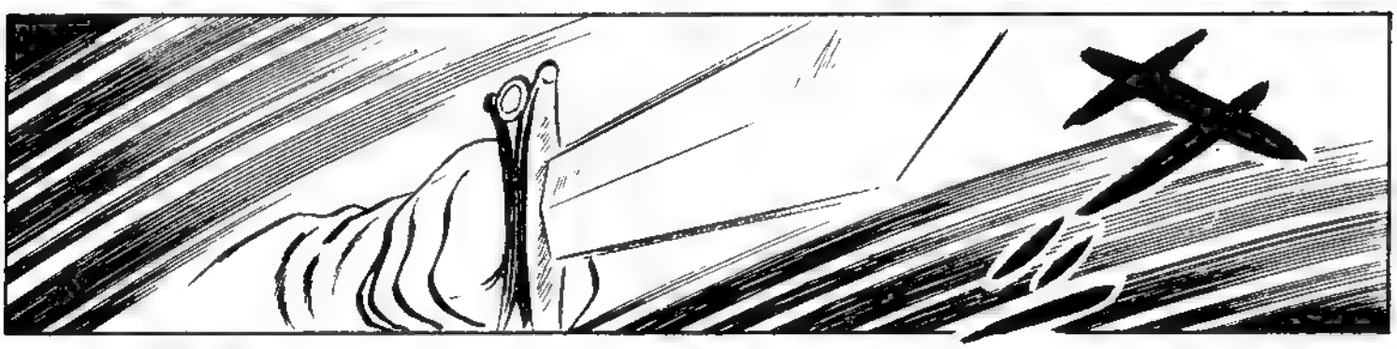
AAAH, IT'S LOCKED ALREADY.
ENTRY OR EXIT FOLLOWING 12 O'CLOCK IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
MANAGEMENT
MAYBE I SHOULD ASK A MATE FOR SOME BOOZE MONEY.

SEVERAL HOURS LATER.
GEEZ, WHAT A STINGY APARTMENT.
AHAHAHA. WHAT'S UNI FOR ANWYAY!
UIII, HICCUP.
NOTHING FOR IT. TIME TO BRING OUT THE ROPE AGAIN.
HEHEHEHE...
IT'S MUCH MORE FUN JUST LIVING LIKE I DO.
ALL YOU DO IS STUDY, THAT AIN'T NO LIFE.
HAH!
BEELZEBUB, LUCIFER...

ODD, MUST'VE BEEN MY IMAGINATION...
WHAT WAS THAT?
I'M SURE I JUST HEARD SOMEONE'S VOICE BUT...

DID ITS EYES MOVE THEN...?
AH!
ADEILON, SORIMOL...
GUESS I'M STILL DRUNK...
WHAT A LOAD OF NONSENSE. PAINTINGS CAN'T MOVE...
UFUFUFU...
IT... IT'S TALKING?!



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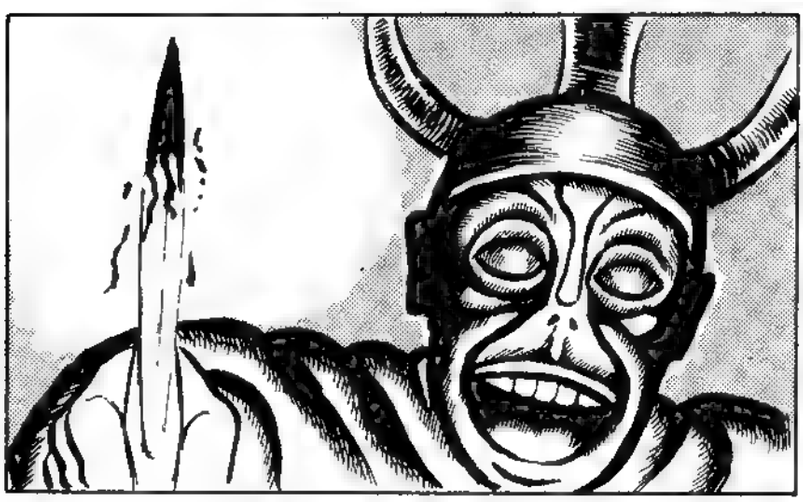
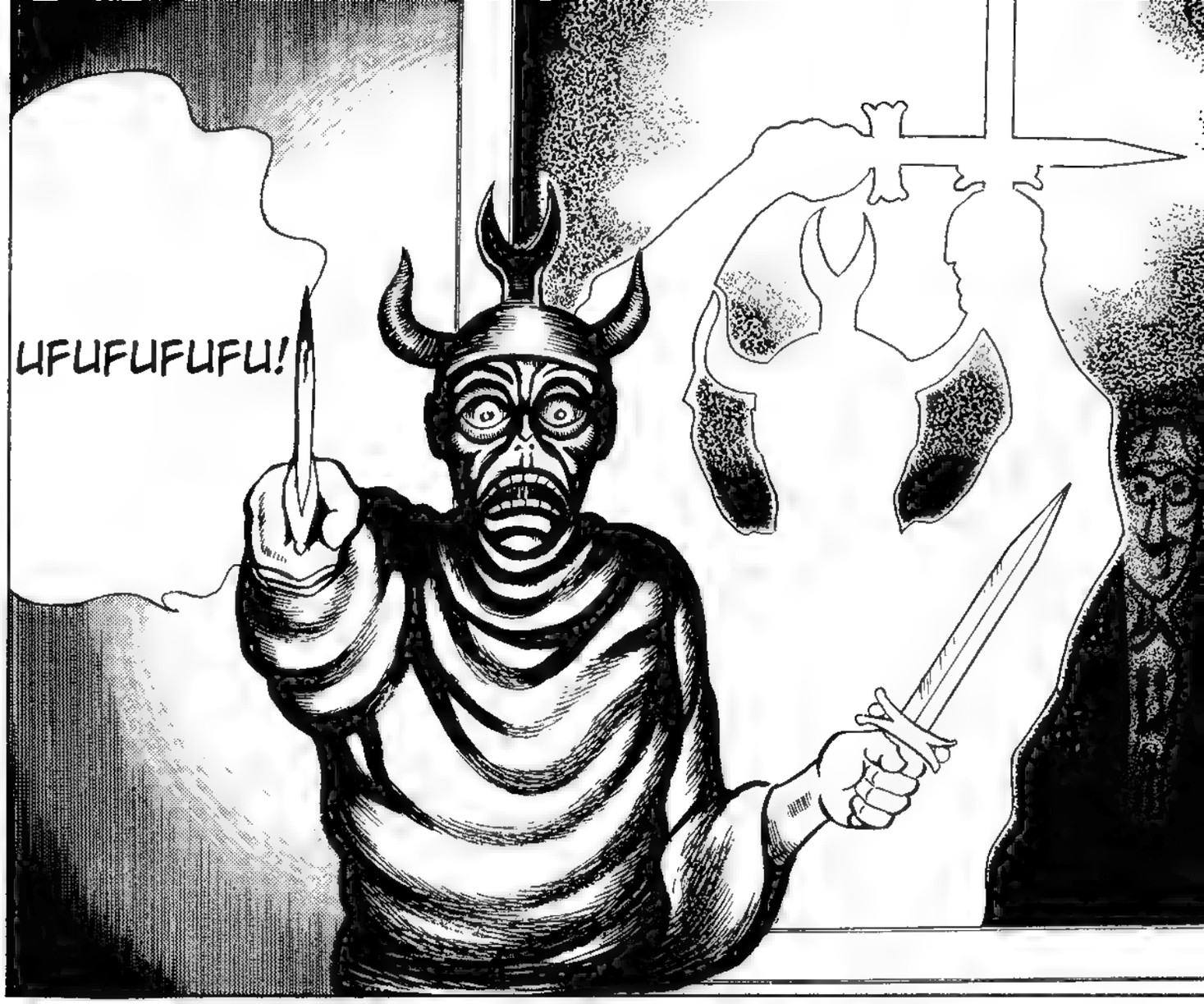
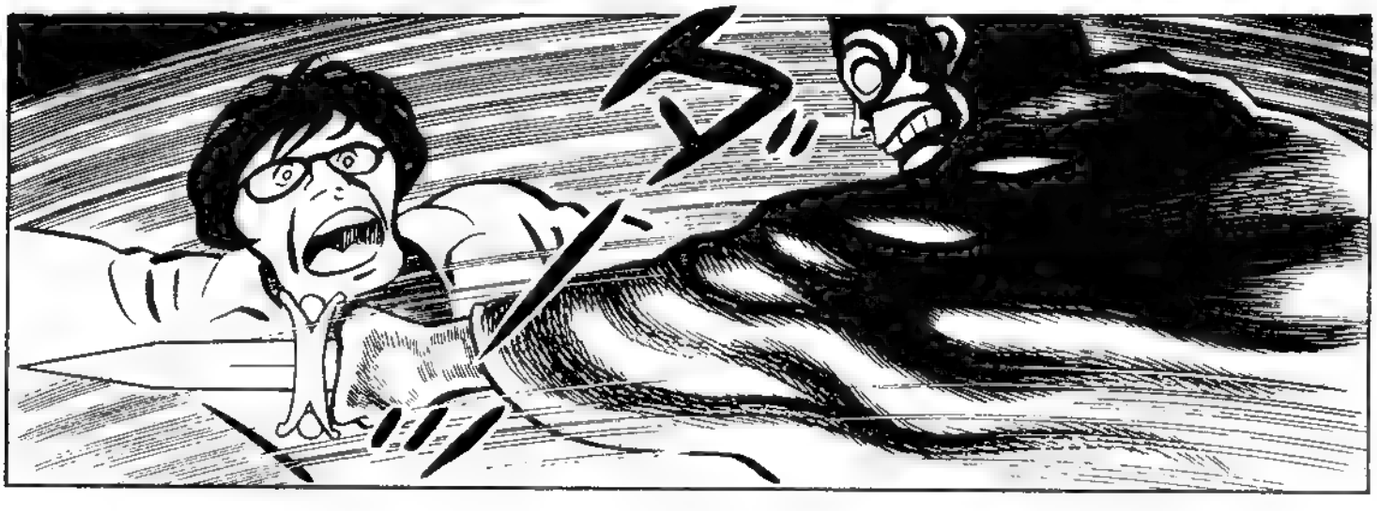
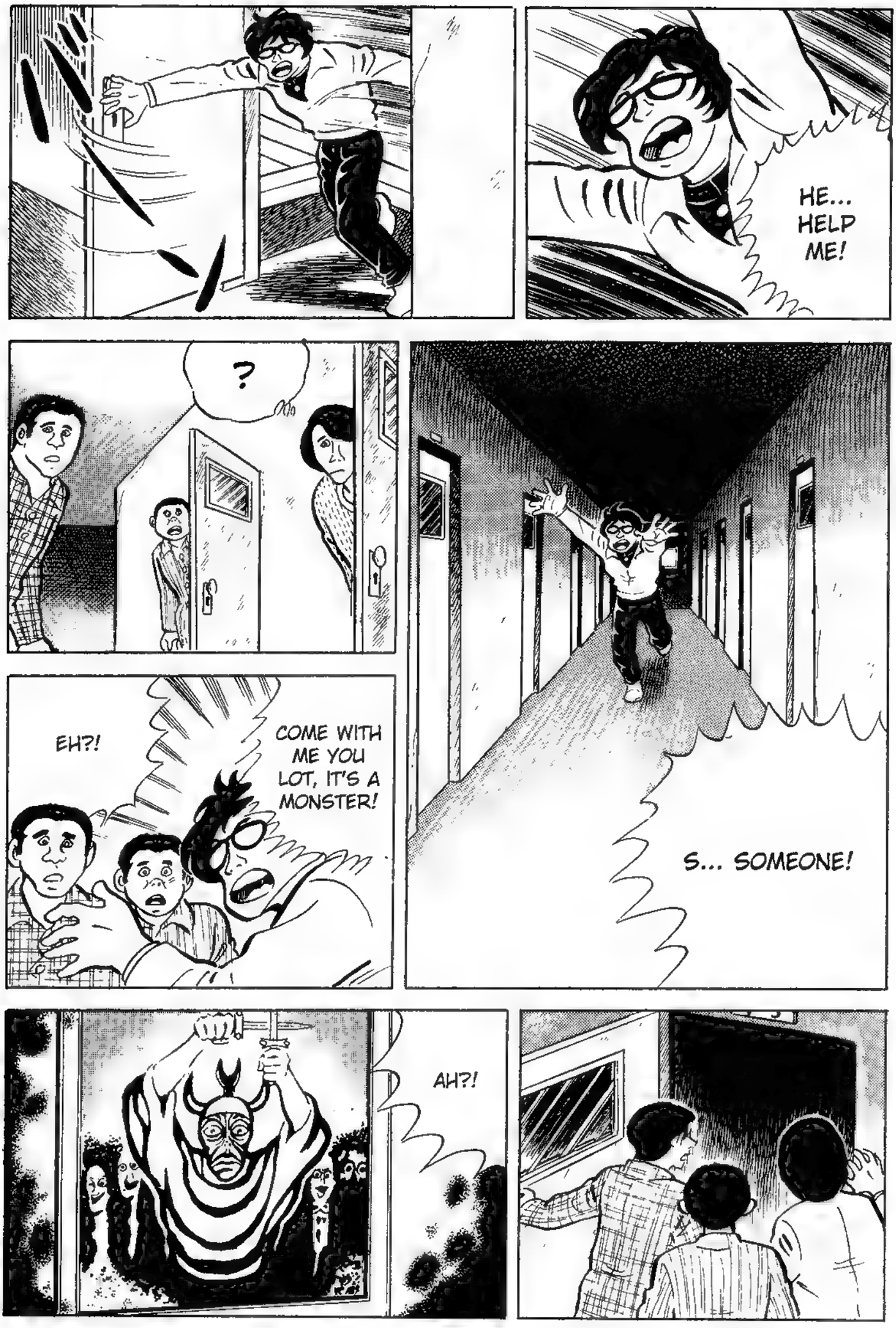



UFUFUFUFU!

IT LEFT THE PAINTING?!




HE... HELP ME!
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EH?!
COME WITH ME YOU LOT, IT'S A MONSTER!
S... SOMEONE!
AH?!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ALL THIS?!
IT RETURNED TO THE PICTURE?!
YOU'RE DRUNK.
ENOUGH ALREADY, QUIT IT. PAINTINGS CAN'T COME FLYING OUT AT YOU.
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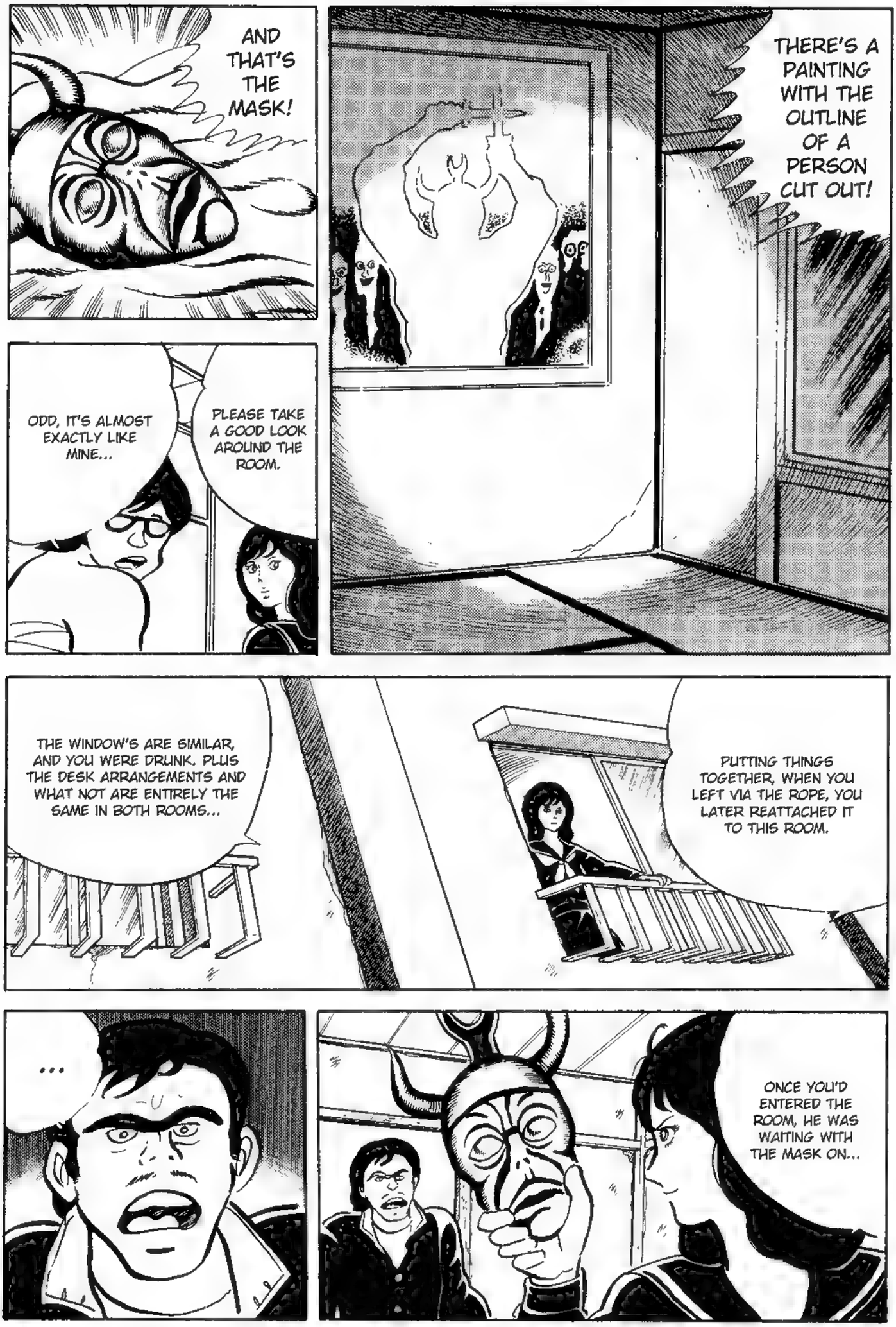
W... WAIT!
GEEZ.
DON'T GO CAUSING A FUSS THIS LATE AT NIGHT.
AH

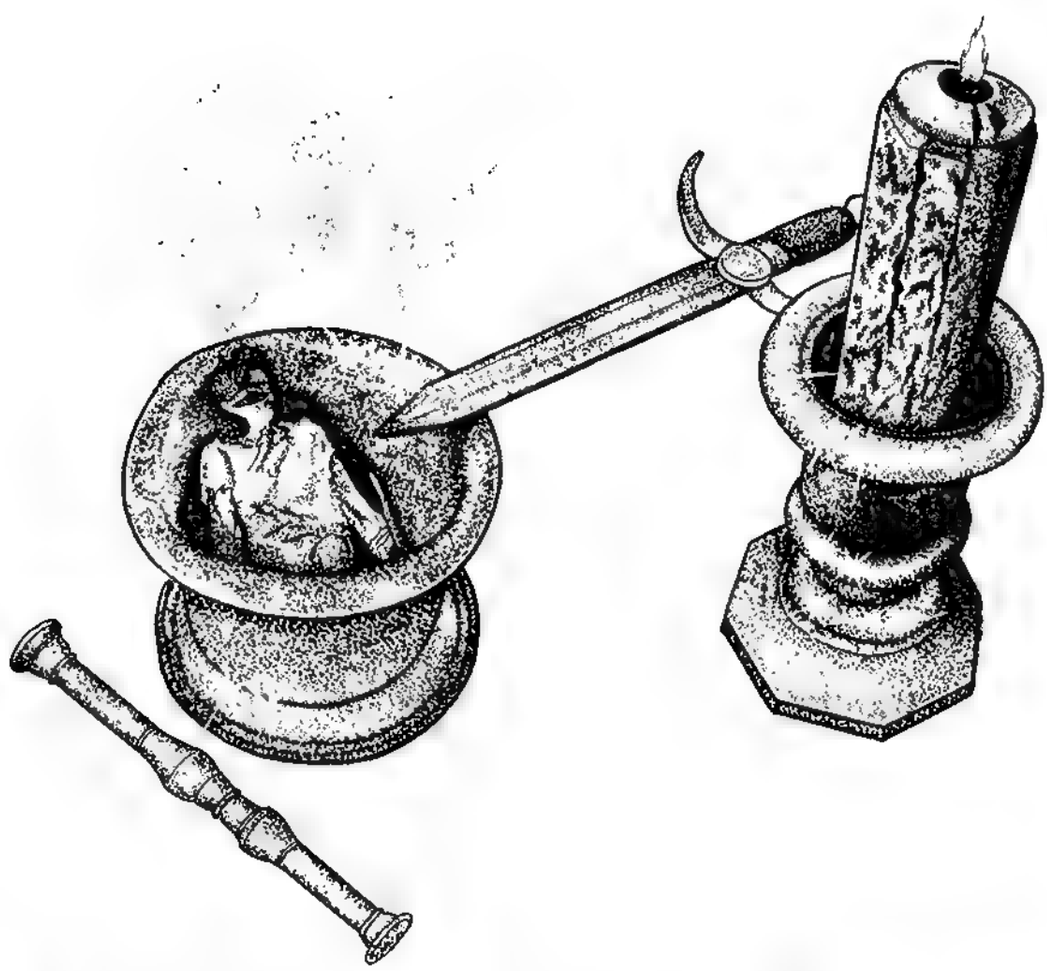
I MEAN PAINTINGS CAN'T MOVE!
THEY ALL SAID IT WAS NONSENSE?!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
BUT SURELY YOU CAN SEE THAT I WAS STABBED BY A SWORD?
SO EVEN YOU'RE ACTING LIKE I MADE THINGS UP!
ODD. I WONDER WHAT IT COULD BE.
...
THE PAINTING'S BROUGHT ME BAD, NOT GOOD FORTUNE, HASN'T IT!
A TRICK?!
MAYBE THERE'S SOME SORT OF TRICK TO IT ALL?

IT WAS PROBABLY AROUND THEN...
I THINK IT'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD CONSIDER.
MM, MOST LIKELY...
SO YOU'RE SAYING SOMEONE SET A TRAP FOR ME?
YOU SAID YOU'D GONE OUT USING A ROPE THAT NIGHT.
IT WOULD'VE BEEN SOMEONE WHO REALLY DESPISES YOU...
YOUR NEIGHBOUR?!
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THOSE WHO'D DESPISE ME THEN... MY NEIGHBOUR THE STUDENT WOULD.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

I SEE, THE MYSTERY IS BEING UNRAVELLED...
AND WE'VE GOTTEN INTO A LOT OF FIGHTS OVER IT.
YEAH. THEY ALWAYS PLAY THEIR STEREO REALLY LOUD.
WHO'S THERE?
THIS IS HIS ROOM RIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
DIDN'T I SEE YOU AT THE GALLERY...
M... MM, IT IS.
AH?!
UH!
I'D JUST LIKE A LITTLE LOOK INSIDE YOUR ROOM!


AND THAT'S THE MASK!
THERE'S A PAINTING WITH THE OUTLINE OF A PERSON CUT OUT!
ODD, IT'S ALMOST EXACTLY LIKE MINE...
PLEASE TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND THE ROOM.
THE WINDOW'S ARE SIMILAR, AND YOU WERE DRUNK. PLUS THE DESK ARRANGEMENTS AND WHAT NOT ARE ENTIRELY THE SAME IN BOTH ROOMS...
PUTTING THINGS TOGETHER, WHEN YOU LEFT VIA THE ROPE, YOU LATER REATTACHED IT TO THIS ROOM.
...
ONCE YOU'D ENTERED THE ROOM, HE WAS WAITING WITH THE MASK ON...

YET WHEN WE RETURNED THE PAINTING WAS NORMAL.
B... BUT WHEN I WAS STABBED, I FRANTICALLY CALLED OUT TO PEOPLE...
FUFUFU...
HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT?
THAT SHOULD HELP YOUR MONEY SITUATION, RIGHT?
ALRIGHT, YOU SHOULD TAKE HIM TO THE POLICE AT ONCE, AND HAVE HIM COVER THE COST OF YOUR MEDICAL BILLS.
IT'S OBVIOUS, THE ROOM YOU RETURNED TO WAS YOUR OWN.
GOODBYE.
FROM HERE ON YOU SHOULD STUDY A LOT HARDER.
M... MM, WELL...
WOULDN'T YOU SAY THEN THAT THE PICTURE'S NOW BROUGHT YOU GOOD FOTUNE?



THE UNLUCKY MAN

THINGS WENT PRETTY WELL DIDN'T THEY!
HEHEHE!
NOW I JUST CAN'T STOP LAUGHING! AHAHA!
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A FUN OLD TIME WITH THIS FOR A WHILE.
HAH!
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FIGURES AN ASSASSIN WOULD COME!
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HEHEHE... SORRY ABOUT THAT. I JUST NEED A LIGHT...
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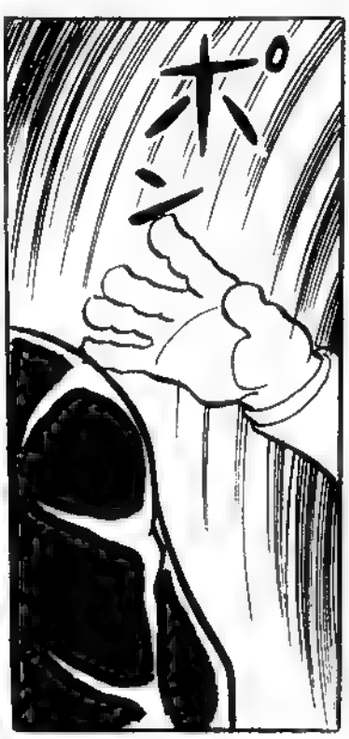
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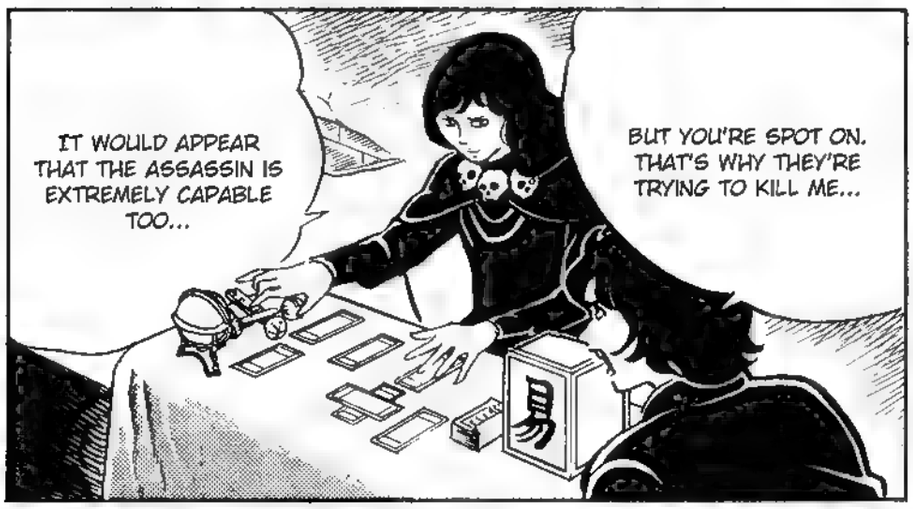
WHAT'S WITH HIM...?
UH?!
IT WOULD SEEM AS THOUGH YOU'RE BEING CHASED.

UFUFUFUFU...
THE SHADOW OF DEATH LURKS OVER YOU!

BUT I WAS JUST LOOKING AT YOUR FORTUNE.
SCREW YOU, WHAT'RE YOU TALKING SO OMINOUSLY FOR?!

WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!

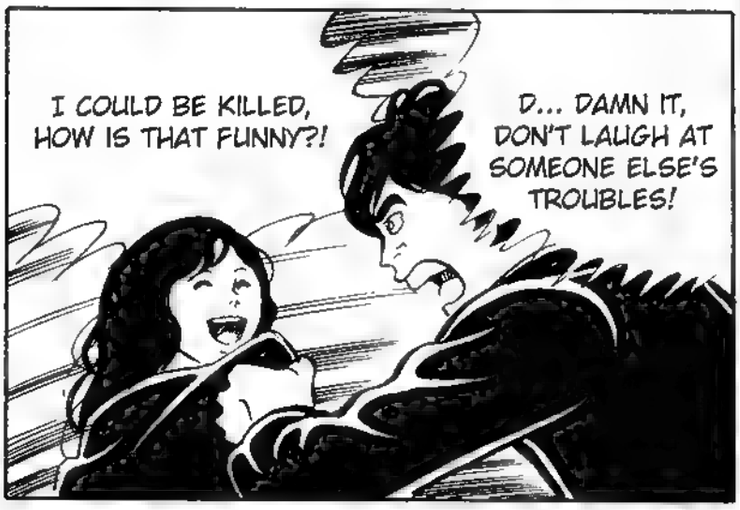
YOU MADE OFF WITH MONEY FROM A YAKUZA GROUP, RIGHT?
ENOUGH ALREADY, I DIDN'T ASK YOU FOR NOTHING!


IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE ASSASSIN IS EXTREMELY CAPABLE TOO...
BUT YOU'RE SPOT ON. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL ME...

H... HOW DID YOU KNOW?!
UH!

AHAHA, YEAH, IT'S OBVIOUS!

THEN IT'S OBVIOUS THE SHADOW OF DEATH WOULD APPEAR!
AHAHAHA!


I COULD BE KILLED, HOW IS THAT FUNNY?!
D... DAMN IT, DON'T LAUGH AT SOMEONE ELSE'S TROUBLES!

Y... YOU'RE JUST SOME DUMB GIRL, STOP TAKING ME FOR A FOOL!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY YOU GET, YOU CAN'T BRING BACK A LIFE!
WELL YOU ARE PRETTY STUPID AFTER ALL!
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE SAVED?
DON'T GET ANGRY NOW!
I CAN BE SAVED...?!
YOU KNOW HOW?! TELL ME, PLEASE, I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET!
YES. SOMEONE MAY CHANGE THEIR FORTUNE IF THEY PUT IN THE EFFORT.
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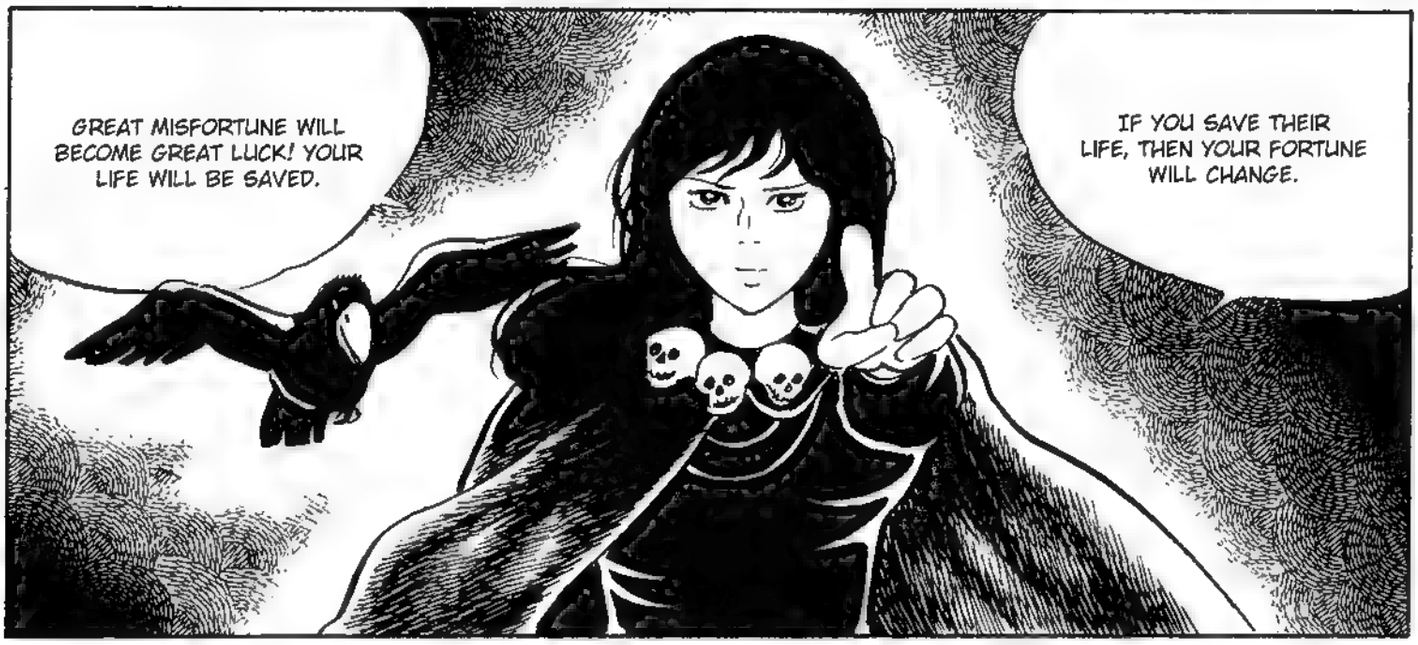
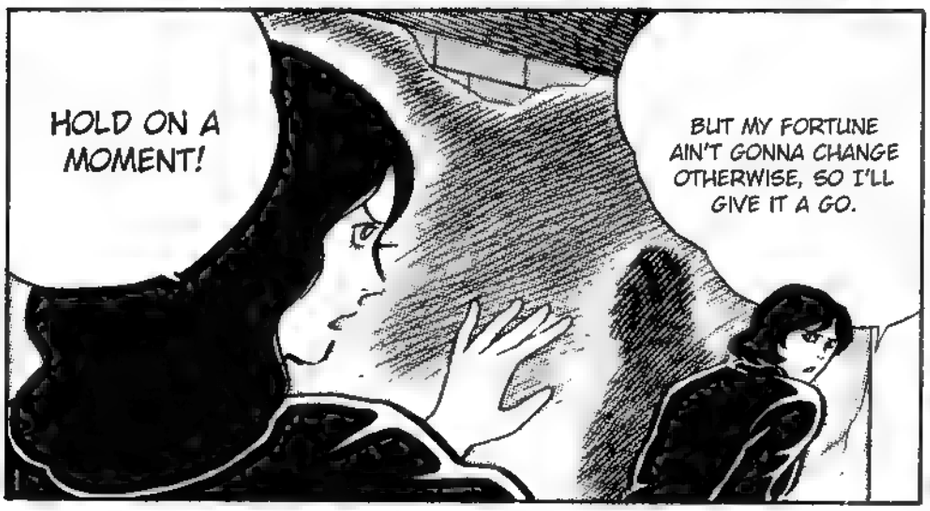
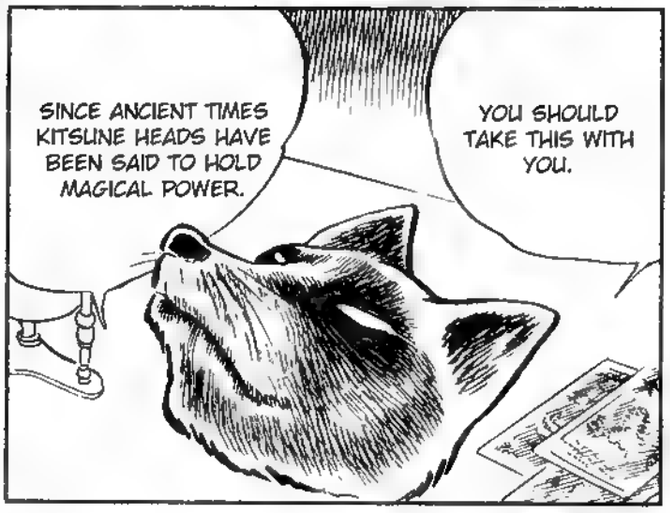
LISTEN. AT SOME POINT IN YOUR FUTURE SOMEONE WILL APPEAR TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE...
IF YOU DO EXACTLY AS I SAY THEN YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM DEATH!


GREAT MISFORTUNE WILL BECOME GREAT LUCK! YOUR LIFE WILL BE SAVED.
IF YOU SAVE THEIR LIFE, THEN YOUR FORTUNE WILL CHANGE.

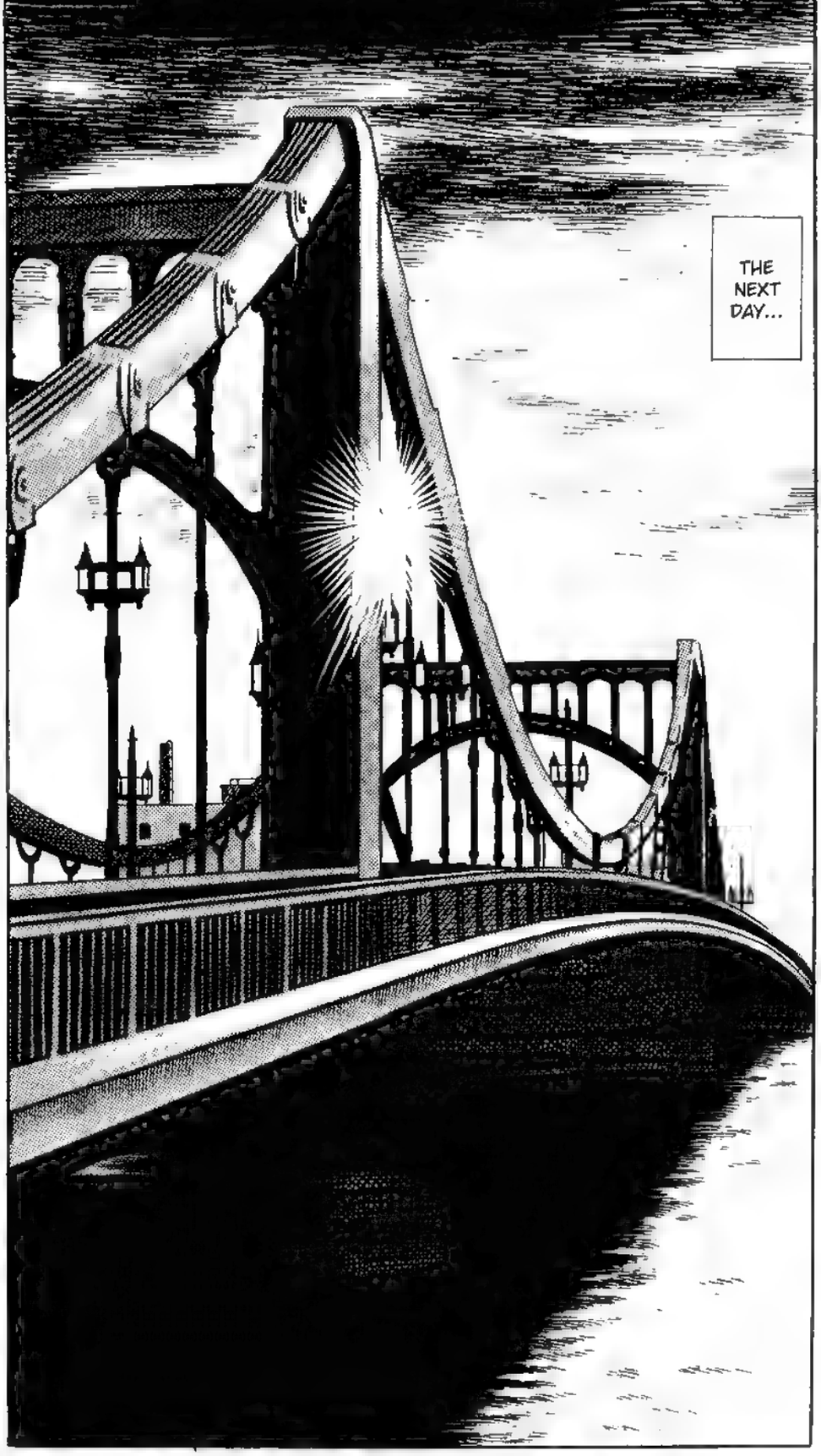

HOLD ON A MOMENT!
BUT MY FORTUNE AIN'T GONNA CHANGE OTHERWISE, SO I'LL GIVE IT A GO.

REALLY? IT'S QUITE HARD TO BELIEVE...

IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU.


SINCE ANCIENT TIMES KITSUNE HEADS HAVE BEEN SAID TO HOLD MAGICAL POWER.
YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS WITH YOU.

EVEN IF I TRIED TO LOOK FOR SOMEONE WANTING TO COMMIT SUICIDE, THEY AIN'T GONNA BE EASY TO FIND!


THE NEXT DAY...

HM?!

HE'S GONNA JUMP!

PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE.
H... HOLD IIIIIT!
AIN'T YOU BEING A BIT HASTY!
IT'S POINTLESS TRYING TO STOP ME.
I'VE GIVEN THIS A LOT OF THOUGHT.
SO IT'S MONEY?!
THE TRUTH IS MY BUSINESS FAILED, AND I'VE SUCH DEBTS THAT I CAN'T MOVE ABOUT FREELY.
PLEASE, LET'S TRY AND TALK THIS OUT.
WAIT! IF THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN DO I'LL HELP YOU OUT!
I'M NOT LYING, IT'S THE TRUTH! I HAVE TO SAVE YOU!
HMPH. YOU'RE A STRANGER. WHAT A JOKE.
ALRIGHT, THEN HOW ABOUT I PAY THE DEBTS FOR YOU?

WELL, LOOK! I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THIS!
IT... IT AIN'T ENOUGH?!
THAT'S TOO LITTLE...
W... WAIT!
ARGH!

...
SHOULD BE PLENTY THERE NOW.
ALRIGHT, I'LL GO FOR IT AND TAKE OUT SOME MORE.
I... I GET IT, IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH!
AAAAH!
HAVE IT ALL THEN, HAVE IT ALL!

YOU'RE LIKE A GOD!
UUUH... IF ONLY I COULD EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE...
THANK YOU, THANK YOU...
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET BACK ON MY FEET WITH THIS.
SHIT, I'M JUST DROWNING MY SORROWS!
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カラン
AAH... TRULY WAS A WASTE.
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WHAT A LOAD OF NONSENSE!
YOUR LIFE'S PRECIOUS SO HAVE ALL THE MONEY!

MY WALLET'S ALREADY LONG EMPTY!
FUCK, IF SO THEN GET ME SOME MONEY!
OH YEAH, THIS KITSUNE WAS MEANT TO HAVE MAGICAL POWER...
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HM? IT CAN BE USED AS A MASK.

GYAAAAH!
I'M NOT DRUNK AM I?!
THE LEAVES BECAME NOTES!
THIS IS AMAAAZING!
HYAAAAH!

AHAHAHA!
I CAN BE AS EXTRAVAGANT AS I WANT...
I CAN FROLIC AROUND IN THIS INCREDIBLE APARTMENT...
JUST AS THE FORTUNE TELLER SAID, MY FATE HAS CHANGED.
AND IT SEEMS AS THOUGH NO ASSASSIN IS COMING FOR ME.
AN ACCIDENT AT THE CROSSING?!
HM?!
I'VE SURE GOT A ROSY LIFE NOW, AHAHAHA!

WHAT AN AWFUL SCENE!
IT WAS A HIT AND RUN!
HOLD IT TOGETHER!
OI!
HE'D BEEN IN A DEADLY SPOT DUE TO MASSIVE LOSS OF BLOOD.
HOSPITAL
THIS IS JUST A LITTLE, BUT USE IT TO COVER HIS MEDICAL FEES.
WELL THAT'S GOOD.
HE OWES YOU HIS LIFE.

IF I HELP SOMEONE OUT, I MIGHT WELL CHANGE FATE.
WEEELLL, IT'S JUST A LITTLE CHARITY.
BUT WHY YOU...
EH, ALL OF THIS?!
EH?!
SAFETY YOU SAY. DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
IT'S THANKS TO THAT THAT I CAN WALK OUTSIDE IN SAFETY!
HEHEHE...
IT'S YOU?!
YOU'VE DONE TOO MUCH!
WH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
LISTEN UP. I DIDN'T TELL YOU TO SAVE TWO PEOPLE!

YOU FAILED TO KEEP TO INSTRUCTIONS, I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOUR LIFE NOW!
OF COURSE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAVED THE SECOND MAN?!
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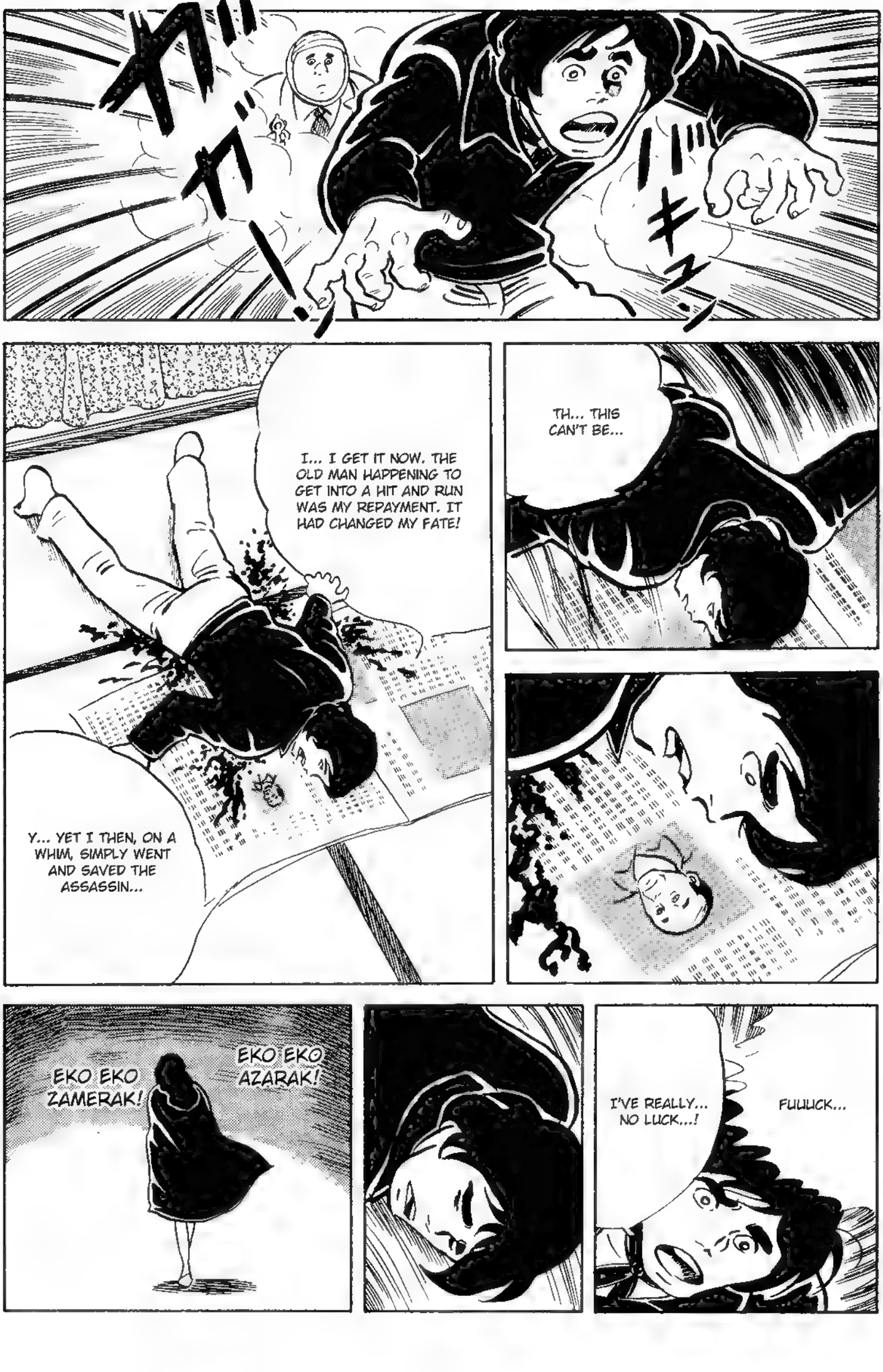
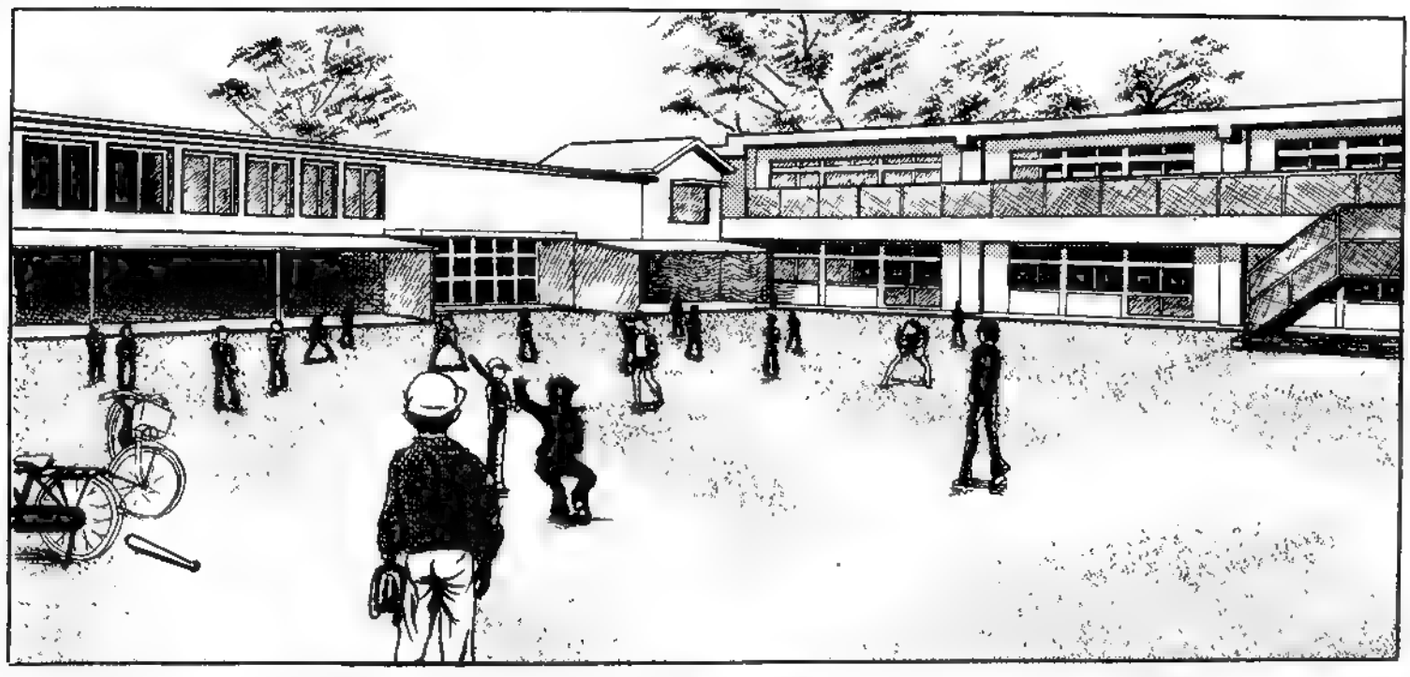
I'M SURE YOU'LL REGRET THINGS IF YOU SEE TOMORROW'S PAPER!
THAT'S NONSENSE!
AH!
HIT AND RUN DRIVER CAUGHT
- SHIGEYAMA
HEEH, THE CRIMINAL'S...
HIT AND RUN DRIVER CAUGHT
CULPRIT - SHIGEYAMA
BUT HOW DOES THIS ARTICLE HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH MY LIFE?
HE'S THE MAN WHO I SAVED, ISN'T HE!

IT'S ME. THE MAN YOU SAVED FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.
WH... WHO'S THERE?!
HAH.
ビィー!!!
YOU ESCAPED?!
NO, I ESCAPED TO COME HERE.
THEY LET YOU OUT ALREADY?
OH, YOU!
YES, I HAVE AN IMPORTANT JOB TO CARRY OUT...
BUT AS YOU KNOW, FOR ASSASSINS THEIR CLIENT'S TRUST IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE...
I'M SORRY AFTER ALL THE HELP YOU GAVE ME AND ALL...
I... IT COULDN'T BE, YOU'RE THE ASSASSIN?


I... I GET IT NOW. THE OLD MAN HAPPENING TO GET INTO A HIT AND RUN WAS MY REPAYMENT. IT HAD CHANGED MY FATE!
Y... YET I THEN, ON A WHIM, SIMPLY WENT AND SAVED THE ASSASSIN...
TH... THIS CAN'T BE...
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
EKO EKO AZARAK!
I'VE REALLY... NO LUCK...!
FUUUCK...

ONEIROSCOPY



GOOOOOOD MORNING!

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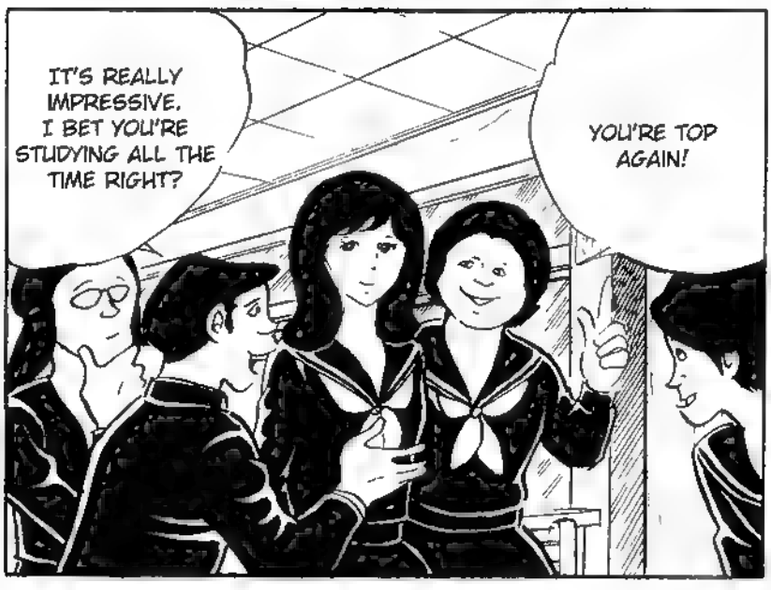
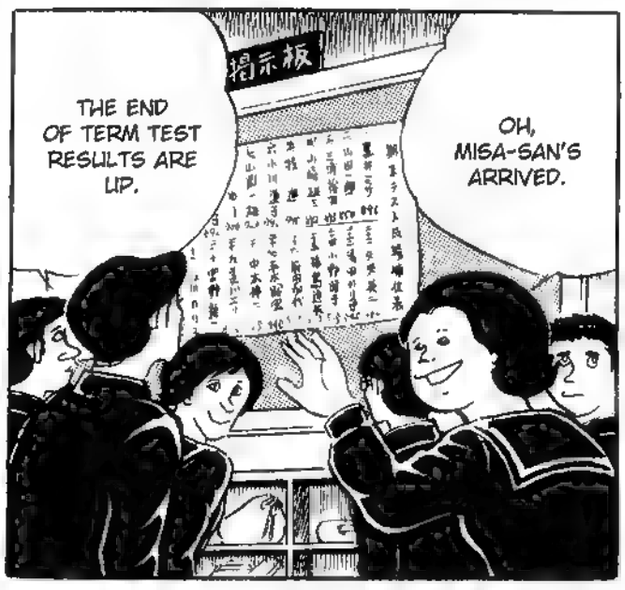

IT'S REALLY IMPRESSIVE. I BET YOU'RE STUDYING ALL THE TIME RIGHT?
YOU'RE TOP AGAIN!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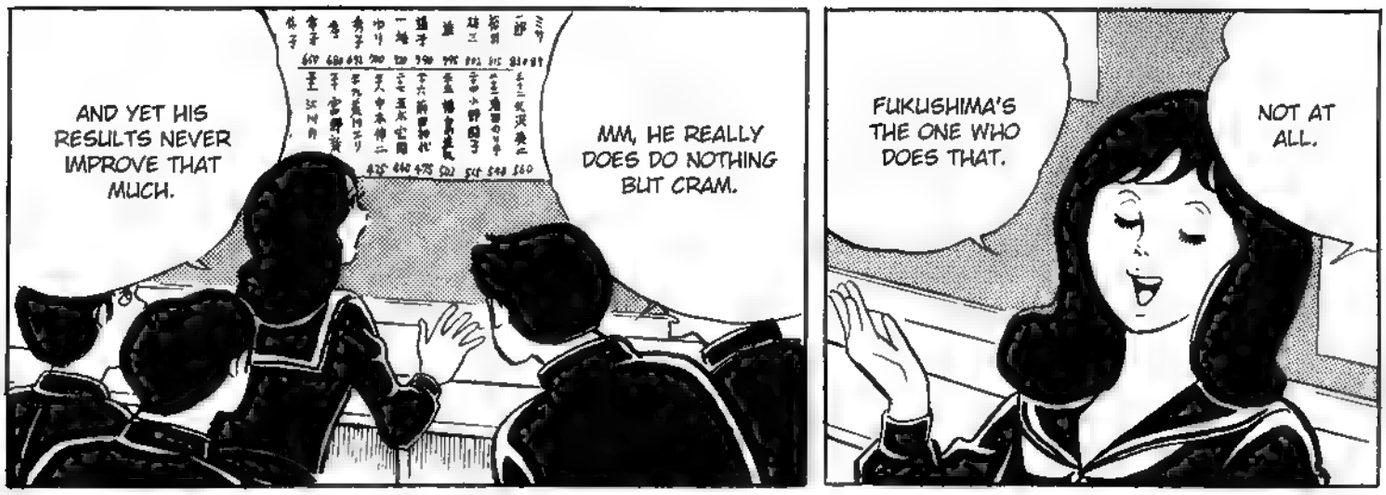
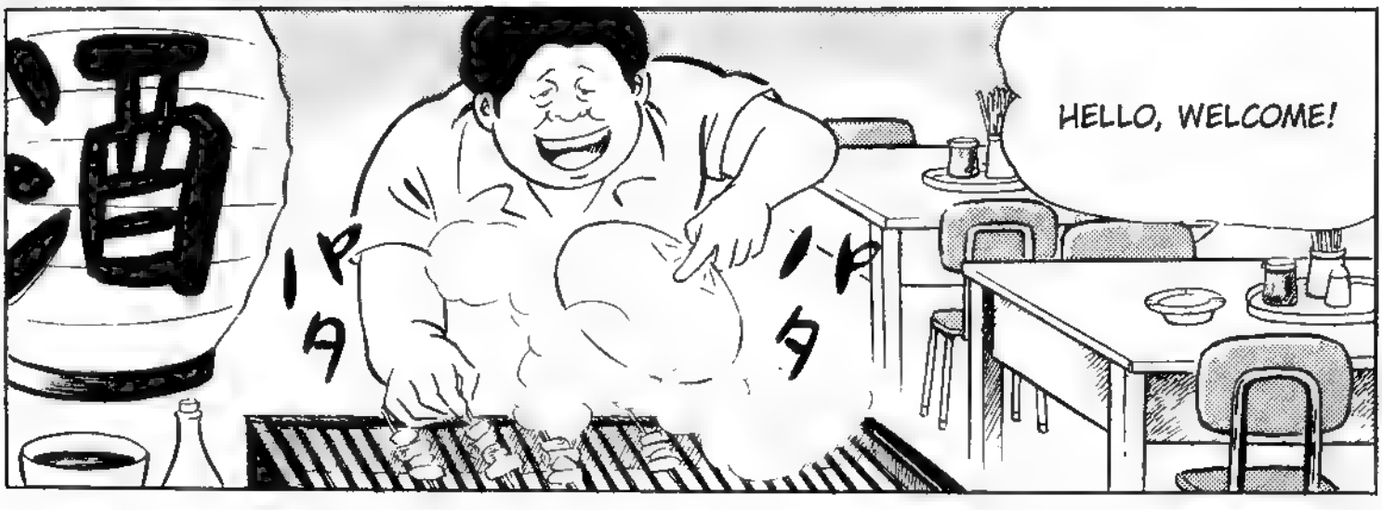
THE END OF TERM TEST RESULTS ARE UP.
OH, MISA-SAN'S ARRIVED.


AND YET HIS RESULTS NEVER IMPROVE THAT MUCH.
MM, HE REALLY DOES DO NOTHING BUT CRAM.
FUKUSHIMA'S THE ONE WHO DOES THAT.
NOT AT ALL.

T/N: THE TOP BIT READS "YAKITORI".



YOU'RE A FRIEND OF TATSUYA'S?
NO, I WANTED TO SEE FUKUSHIMA-KUN, ACTUALLY...
YES, YES. YOU'RE AFTER YAKITORI, IT'LL BE DONE RIGHT AWAY.
EXCUSE ME...
PLEASE, COME ON IN.
MY, MY.
WHY WOULD SHE BE FRIENDS WITH TATSUYA...
WHAT WOULD SUCH A PRETTY GIRL WANT HERE.
YES, I'M MISA KUROI.
I'LL GET YOU SOME JUICE AS WELL.
NOW NOW, DON'T WAIT THERE, PLEASE GO ON UP.
IT'S A PLEASURE, I'M TATSUYA'S MOTHER.
THANKS, BUT PLEASE DON'T FUSS OVER ME...
HERE, SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
シュポン
ERM, WHERE'D THE BOTTLE OPENER GO...

OH, SOME DENTURES!
リンゴ ジュース
I MEAN WHAT DO YOU EXPECT, I WAS ON THE TOILET...
WH... WHAT'S WITH THAT APPEARANCE OF YOURS?
WE'VE A GUEST, DEAR?
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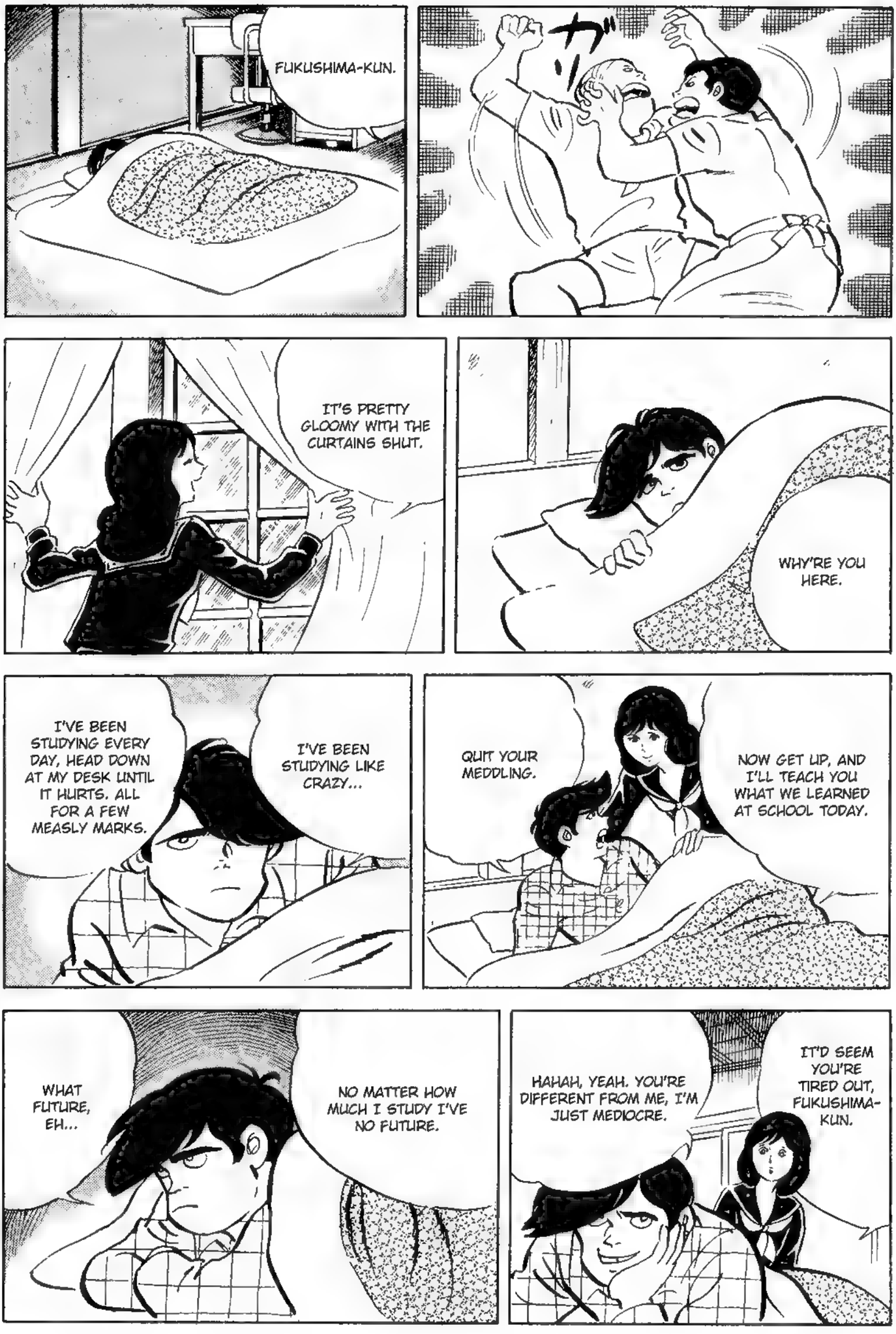
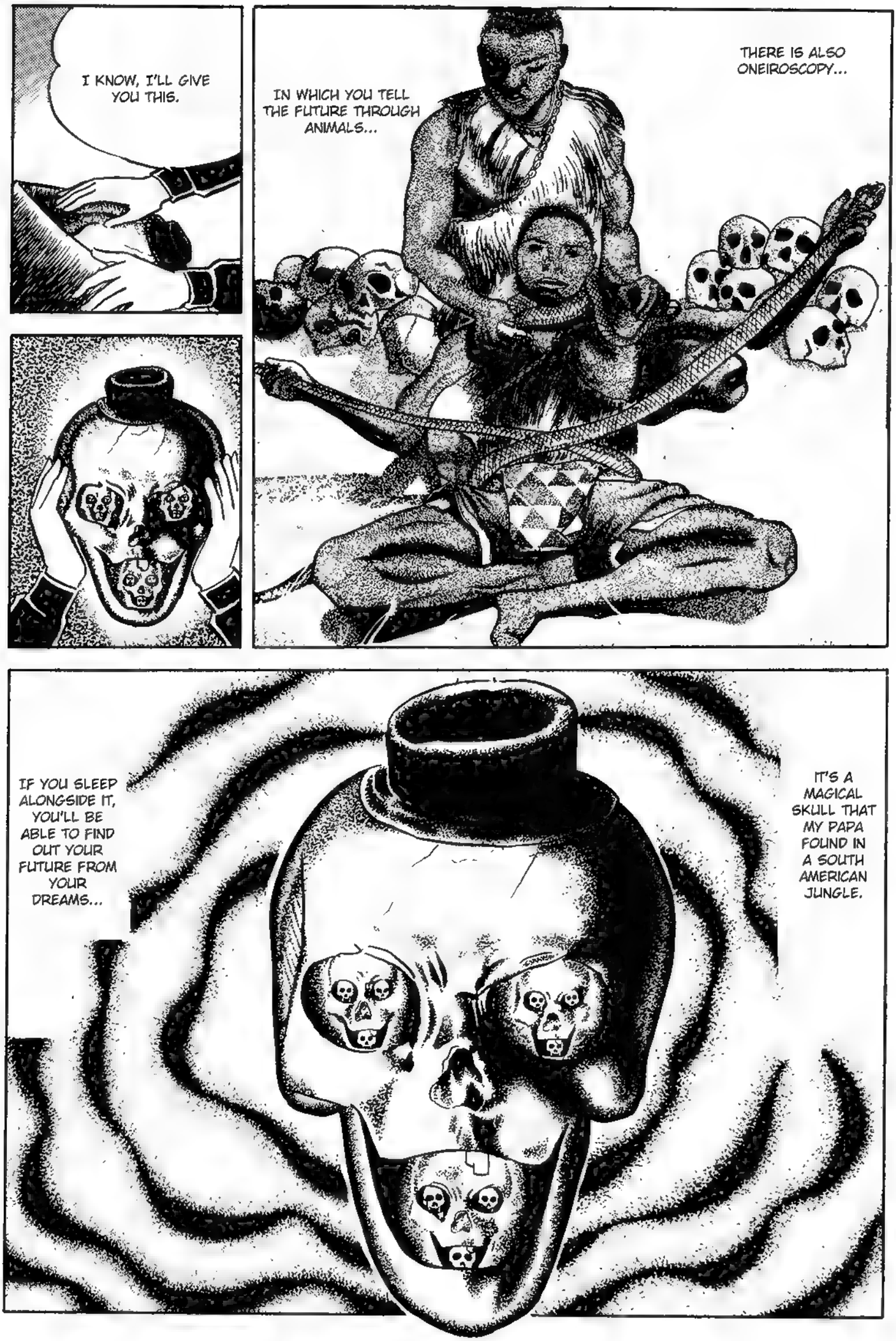
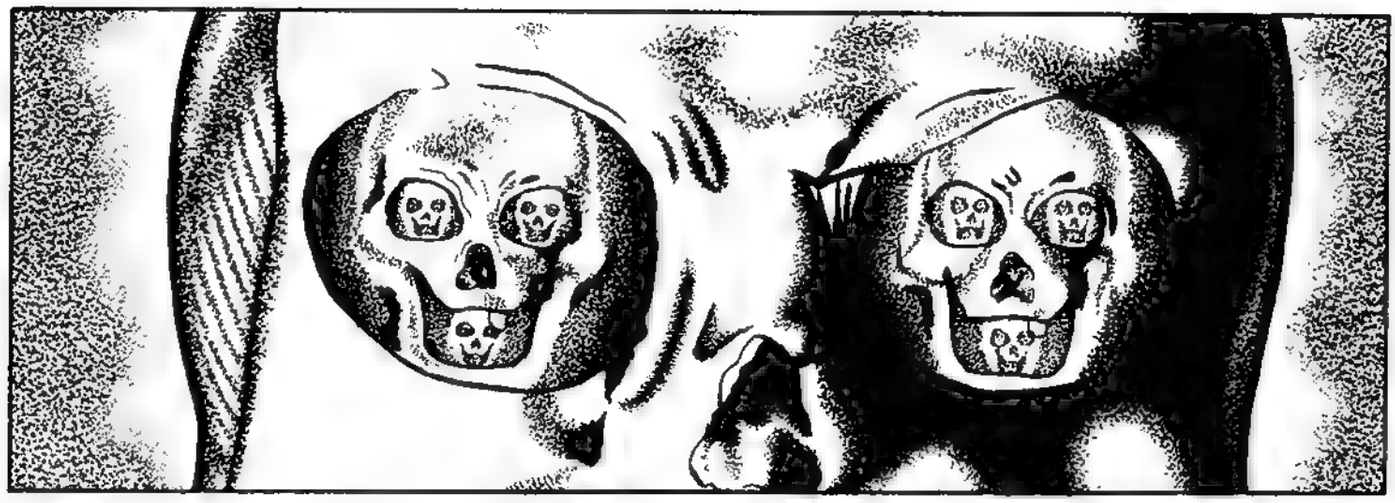
AH.
PERV! DON'T TOUCH ANY WEIRD SPOTS!
Y... YOU IDIOT, GET SOME JEANS ON QUICK!

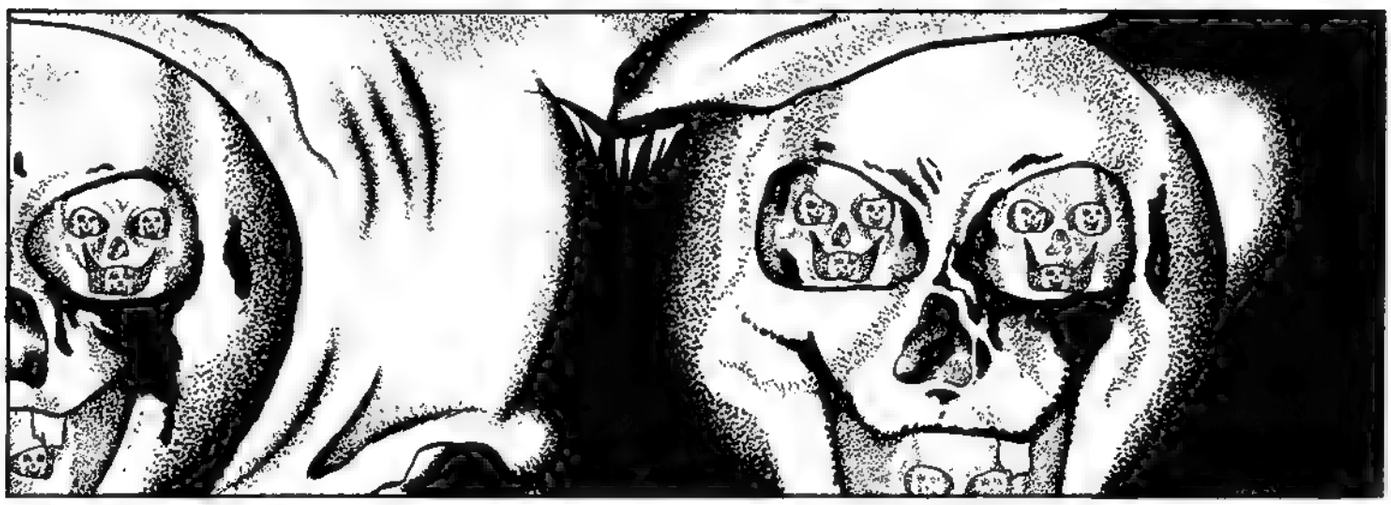
YES, HIS GIRLFRIEND.
OI, IT COULDN'T BE SHE'S TATSU'S...
USHISHI, HELLO.
HELLO...
YEAH...
THEN, PERHAPS WE SHOULD TRY AND HAVE HER TALK TO TATSU.
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT HE WAS SUCH A SMOOTH OPERATOR.
EH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WON'T SHUT UP ABOUT IT!
I BET IT WAS YOU BEING TOO STRICT WITH HIS STUDYING!
IDIOT, THAT'S YOU!
DON'T JOKE AROUND. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KEEPS GOING ON AND ON ABOUT STUDYING!
WE'VE JUST NO IDEA WHAT HE WAS THINKING.
GOODNESS.
THE TRUTH IS, THE BOY KICKED UP A BIG FUSS YESTERDAY ABOUT SUICIDE.

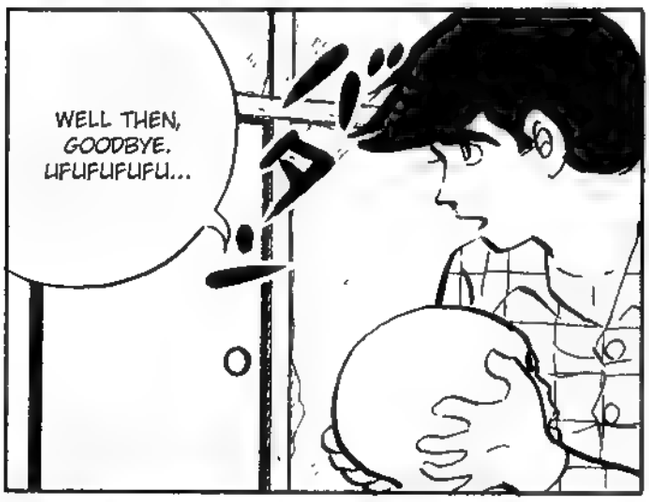

FUKUSHIMA-KUN.
IT'S PRETTY GLOOMY WITH THE CURTAINS SHUT.
WHY'RE YOU HERE.
I'VE BEEN STUDYING EVERY DAY, HEAD DOWN AT MY DESK UNTIL IT HURTS. ALL FOR A FEW MEASLY MARKS.
I'VE BEEN STUDYING LIKE CRAZY...
QUIT YOUR MEDDLING.
NOW GET UP, AND I'LL TEACH YOU WHAT WE LEARNED AT SCHOOL TODAY.
WHAT FUTURE, EH...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I STUDY I'VE NO FUTURE.
HAHAH, YEAH. YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM ME, I'M JUST MEDIOCRE.
IT'D SEEM YOU'RE TIRED OUT, FUKUSHIMA-KUN.

NO, I'M NOT OFFERING YOU PITY.
HMPH! DON'T OFFER ME ANY PITY!
YOU CAN'T JUST GIVE UP LIKE THAT THOUGH.
EH, WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
INFACT, I KNOW YOUR FUTURE HOLDS MORE DESPAIR THAN EVEN YOU IMAGINE.
WITH NECROMANCY MAGICIANS CAN SUMMON THE DEAD AND LEARN THE FUTURE VIA THEIR POWER.
UFUFUFU...
BY USING MAGIC, I CAN ACCURATELY TELL SOMEONE'S FORTUNE.

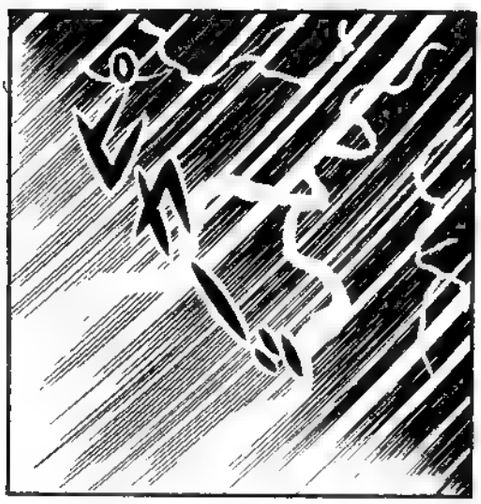

I KNOW, I'LL GIVE YOU THIS.
IN WHICH YOU TELL THE FUTURE THROUGH ANIMALS...
THERE IS ALSO ONEIROSCOPY...
IF YOU SLEEP ALONGSIDE IT, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND OUT YOUR FUTURE FROM YOUR DREAMS...
IT'S A MAGICAL SKULL THAT MY PAPA FOUND IN A SOUTH AMERICAN JUNGLE.

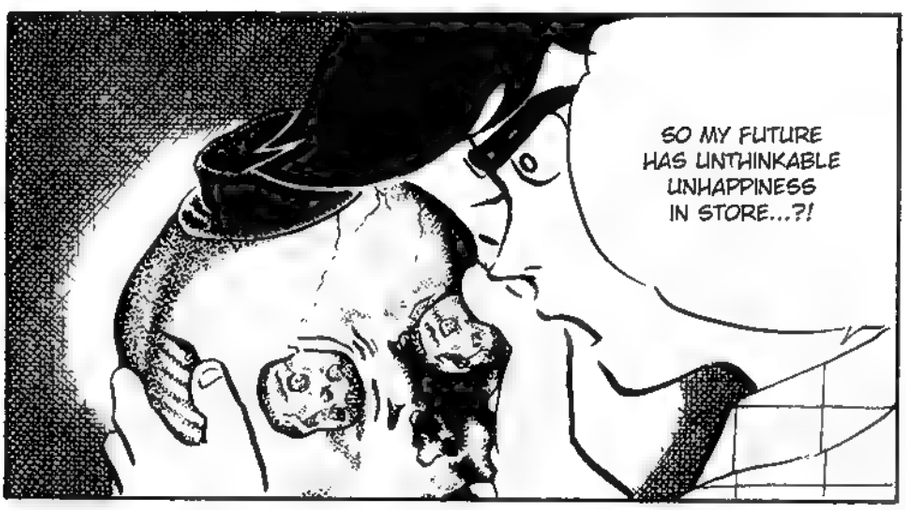


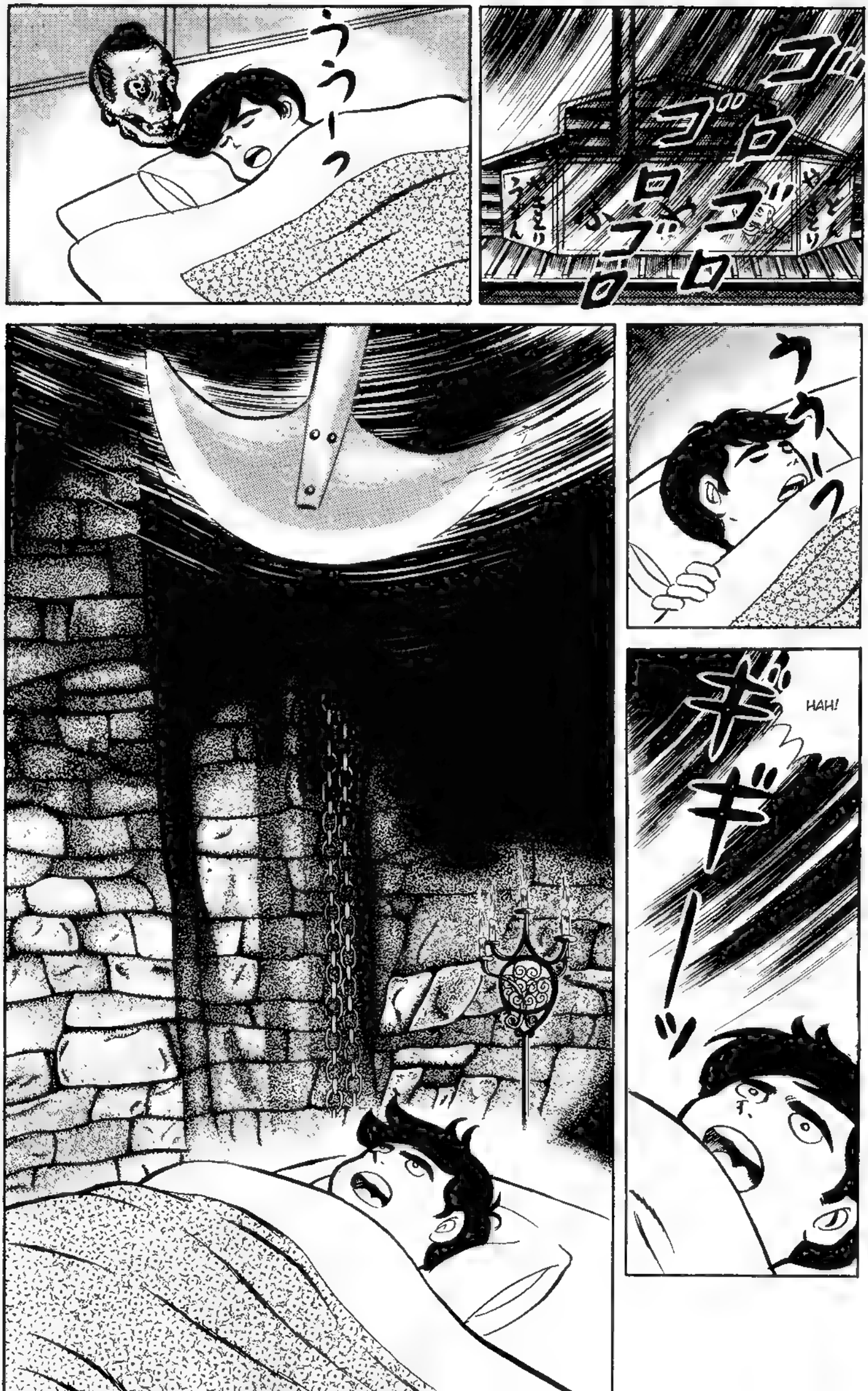



WELL THEN, GOODBYE. UFUFUFUFU...

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND OUT YOUR FUTURE.
THE REMAINS OF THE DEAD ARE PRETTY CREEPY...




SO MY FUTURE HAS UNTHINKABLE UNHAPPINESS IN STORE...?!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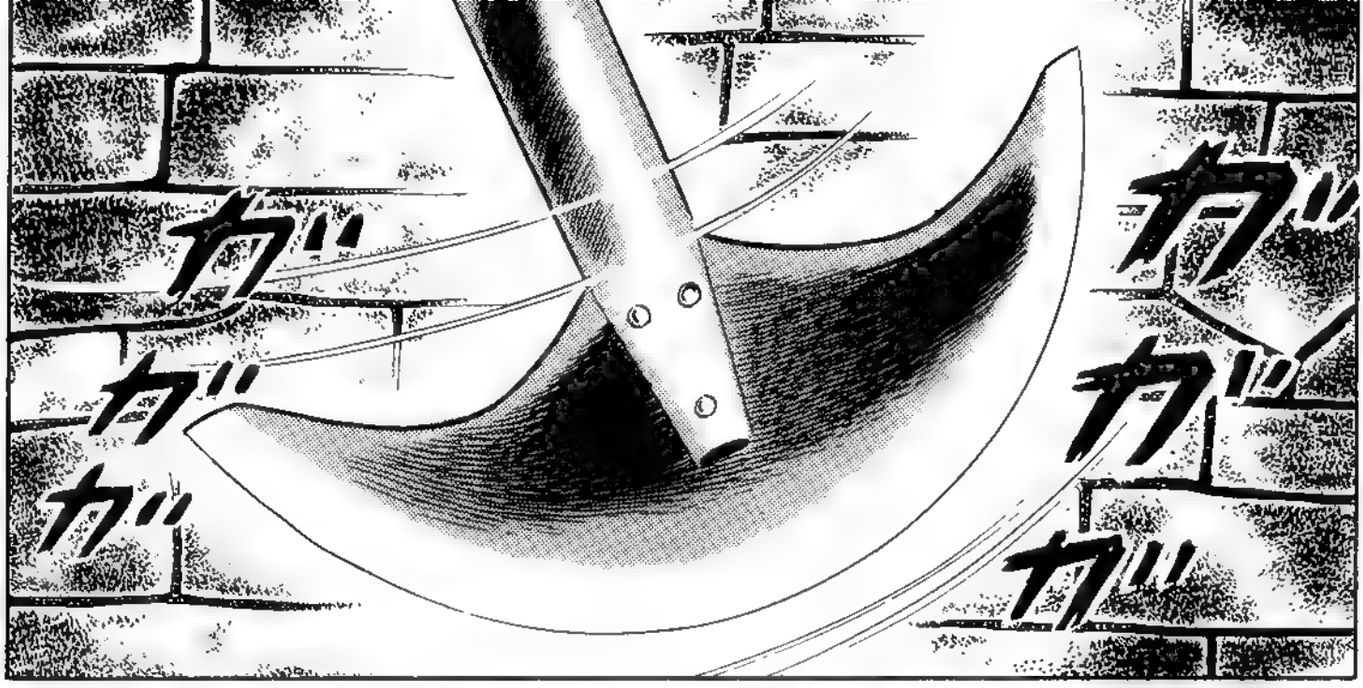
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WH...
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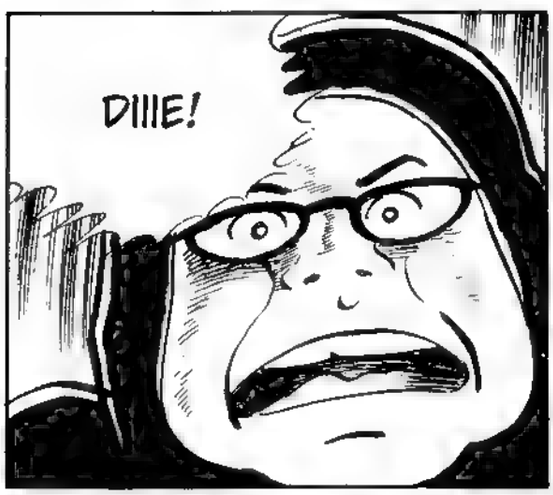
UFUFUFU...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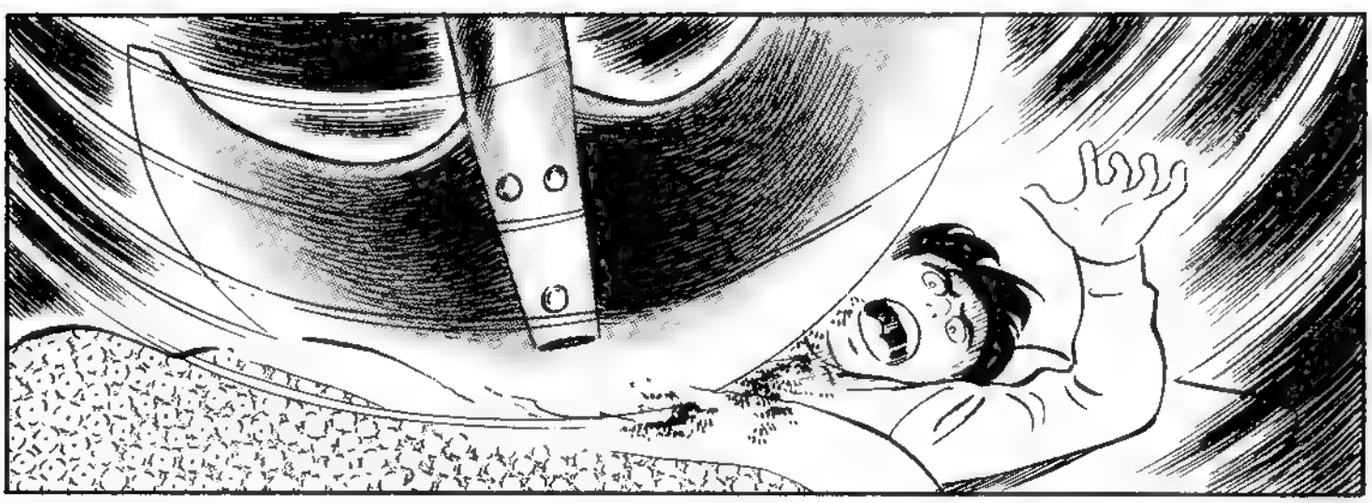

AH!
JUST A DREAM...
BUT INSIDE THE DREAM...
RIGHT, IT WAS SAYING I'D BE KILLED SOON.
TELL ME WHY, WHY MUST I DIE!
BUT WHY, I'VE NOT DONE ANYTHING TO MAKE ANYONE RESENT ME!

JUST WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN I WONDER...
PLUS I'VE NO MEMORY OF EVER SEEING HIS FACE BEFORE.
カンジ
I SHOULD KILL HIM FIRST INSTEAD!
IF THAT GUY REALLY IS GOING TO KILL ME THEN...
MM, THIS'LL DO.
刃物店
電話

BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO SO LONG AS I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS!

HAH?

IT COULD BE HIM!

SOMEONE'S FOLLOWING ME!

THAT'S DANGEROUS, YOU NEED TO GET BACK BEHIND THE WHITE LINE.
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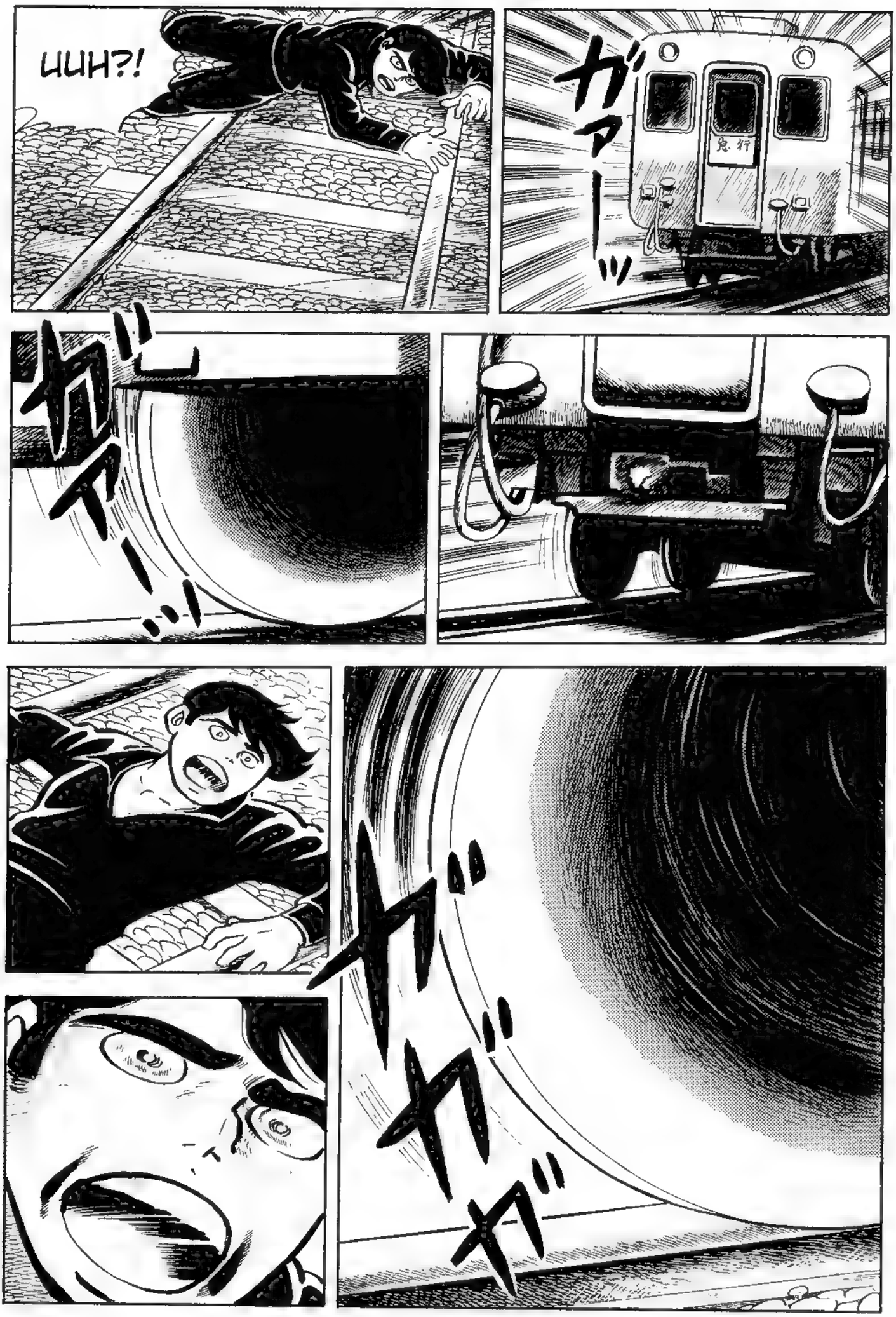
AH!
AH!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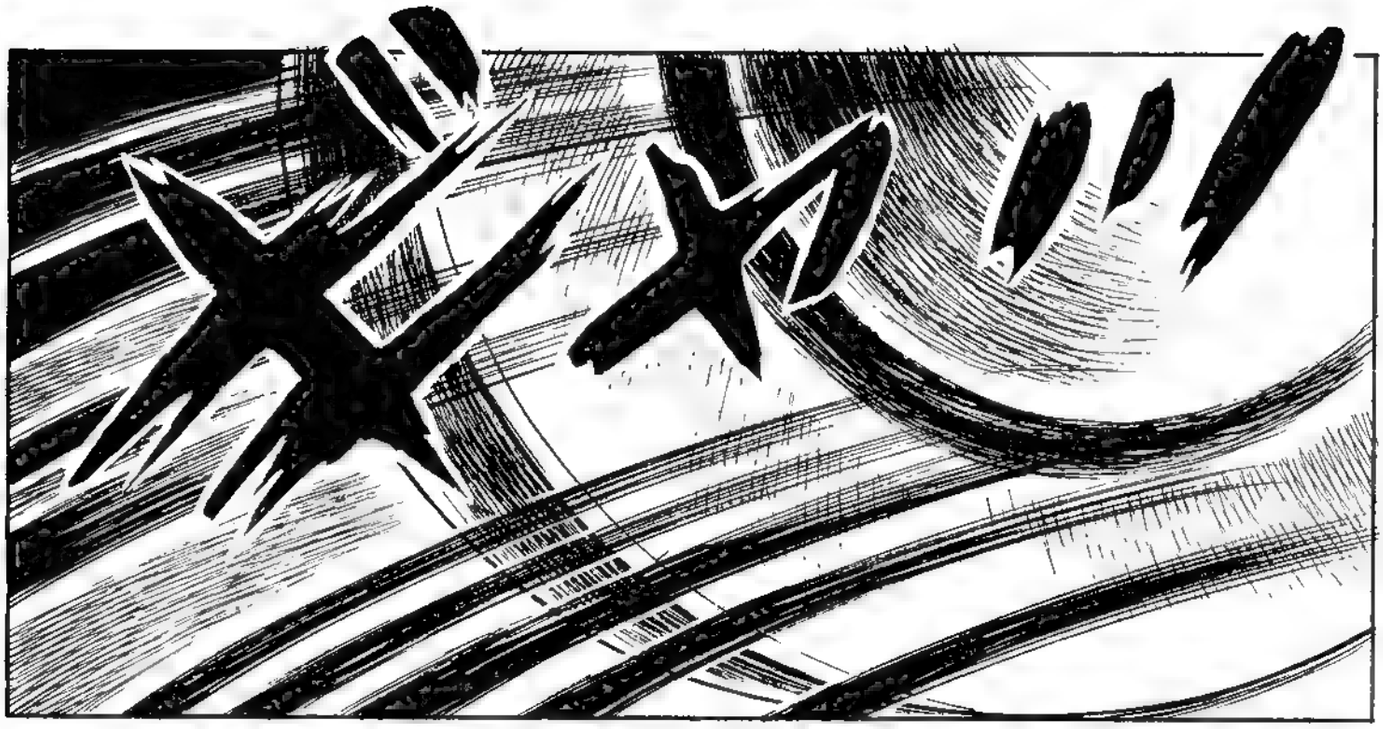

EEEEP!

UFUFUFU, IF YOU'RE TOO TAKEN BY THE THINGS TO COME IT'LL JUST MAKE THEM WORSE.
DAMN IIIT! THIS IS ALL BECAUSE YOU LENT ME THAT SKULL!

THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE SAFE.
KU... KUROI-KUN!

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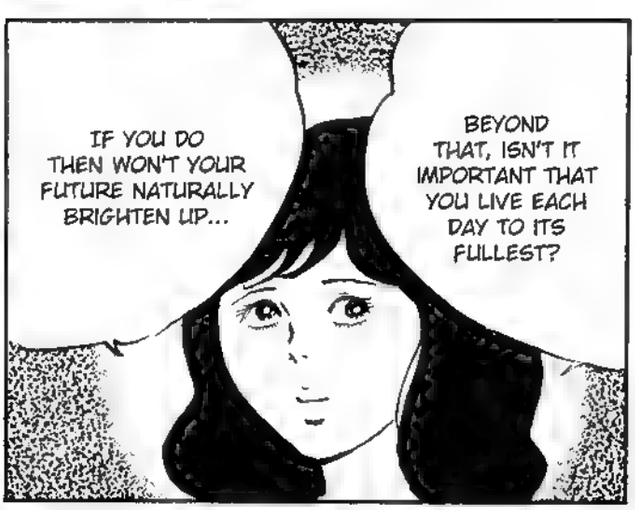
LET'S BOTH TRY OUR BEST FROM HEREON.


IF YOU DO THEN WON'T YOUR FUTURE NATURALLY BRIGHTEN UP...
BEYOND THAT, ISN'T IT IMPORTANT THAT YOU LIVE EACH DAY TO ITS FULLEST?

THE SEVERED HEAD RETURNED
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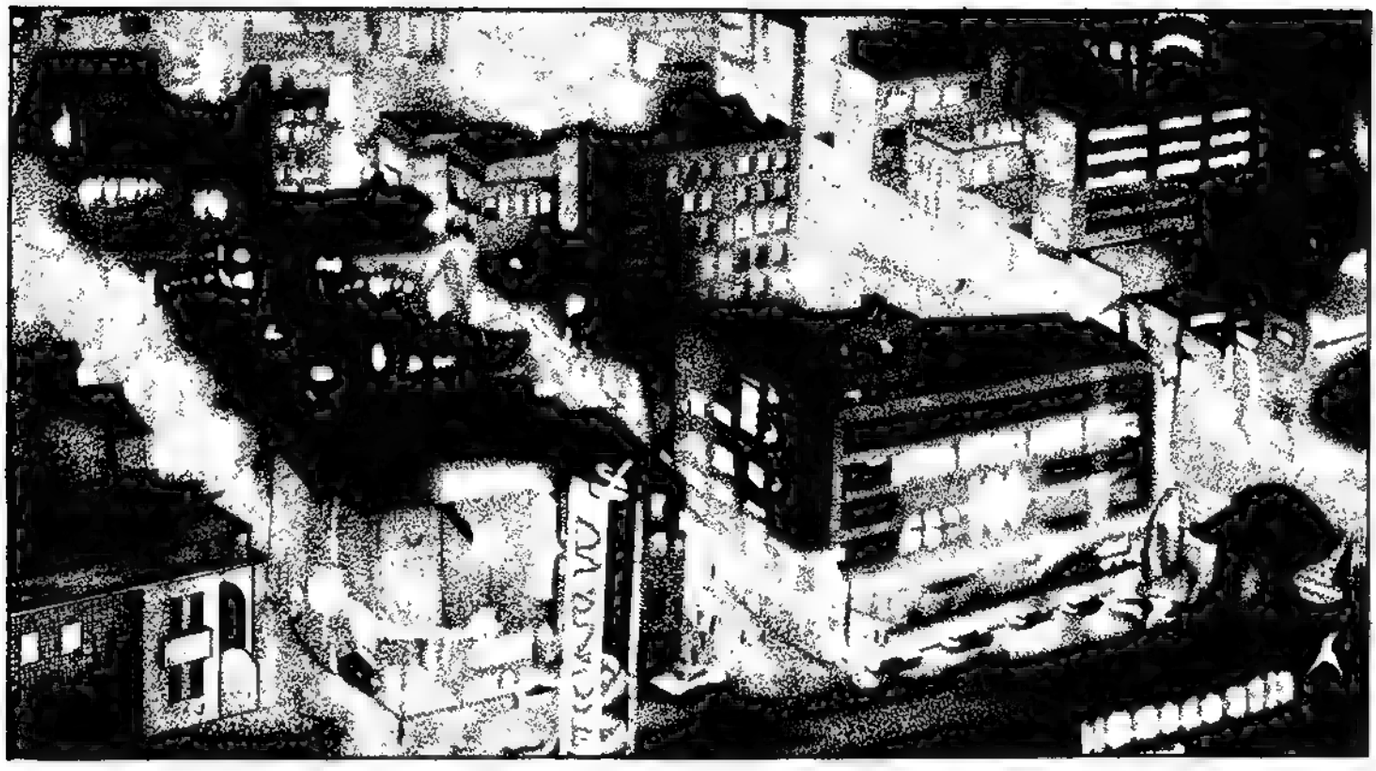
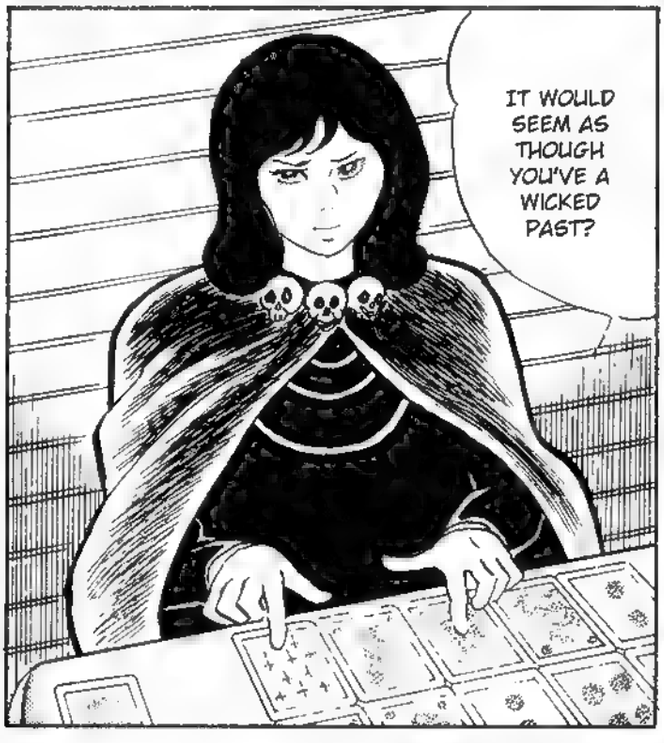
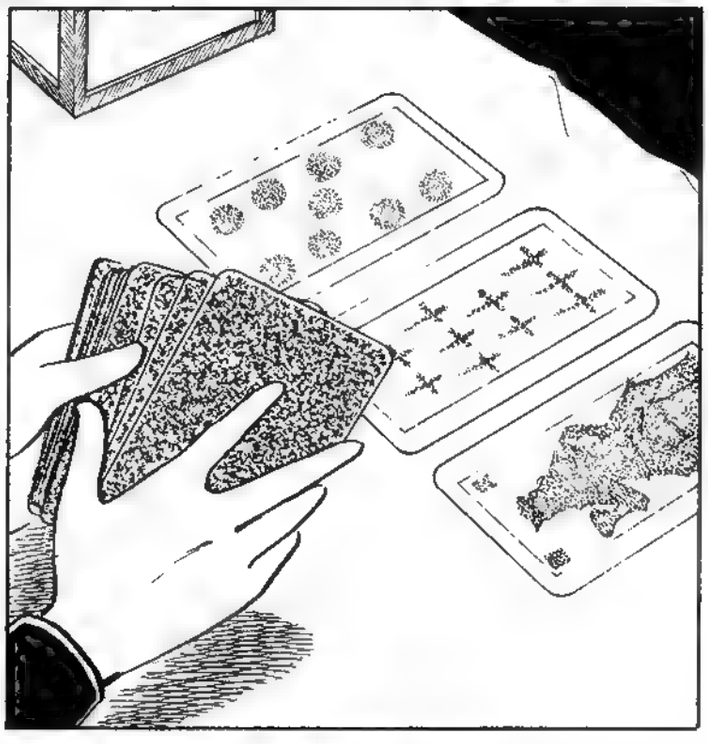



IT WOULD SEEM AS THOUGH YOU'VE A WICKED PAST?



YOU WERE A THIEF AS A BOY, A SCAMMER FIVE YEARS AGO, AND EVEN NOW YOU'RE EMBEZZLING FUNDS FROM YOUR CURRENT COMPANY.
EEH?!

BUT DON'T WORRY, I WON'T TELL ANYONE ELSE...
I DO INDEED. UFUFUFU.
UUH, Y... YOU KNOW ALL THAT?!
EH?!
SO YOU FIND SOMEONE'S WEAKNESSES, THEN CHARGE A MASSIVE FEE FOR THEIR FORTUNES!
H... HAAH, WELL, YES...
TH... THEN THAT MEANS YOU CAN TELL IF I'LL BE ABLE TO SUCCEED IN FUTURE?!
I WOULD NEVER BE SO VULGAR.
HOW CRUEL!
I SUPPOSE IT MEANS THAT THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE IN SOCIETY WHO'RE DOING THINGS THEY FEEL GUILTY ABOUT.
WHICH HAS LED TO ME HAVING ALL THIS MONEY PILED UP.
ALL MY CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN LEAVING MORE MONEY THAN THEY NEEDED TO...
THOUGH COME TO THINK OF IT...

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WH.... WHAT A CREEPY, EVIL GIRL!
YA KNOW, THAT DAMN GIRL'S BEEN MAKING A KILLING.
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IF THAT'S THE CASE YA SHOULD LEAVE IT TO ME, BRO.
HOW'S ABOUT WE TAKE HER EARNINGS FOR OURSELVES!
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SHE'S GOT TONS OF CASH SAVED UP FROM THESE PAST FEW DAYS.
THIS AIN'T THE TIME TO TRY AND ACT BIG, BRO!
TCH.
YOU BLOODY IDIOT. DON'T GO GETTING ALL VIOLENT NOW. USE YOUR HEAD SOME MORE.

BOUTIQUE JAN
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STILL, COME WITH ME, I'VE A GOOD IDEA...
SHE AIN'T GONNA BE AS EASY A GIRL TO DEAL WITH AS YOU THINK.
YOU'RE GONNA BE THE BOSS OF A BIG TIME COMPANY.
WHAT AM I PUTTING THIS PROPER FORMAL SUIT ON FOR, BRO?
UHYAAH! YOU WERE HOLDING ON TO ALL THIS?!
LOOK, JUST TAKE THIS CASH.
D... DON'T JOKE AROUND. I AIN'T EXACTLY THE SORT.
HEEH.
LOOK, YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO DO A GOOD JOB ACTING FOR THIS.
WHAT'S THAT...
IDIOT! INSIDE'S ONLY PAPER...
AIN'T YOU A TIGHT ONE. HOW'S ABOUT WE JUST GO AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS NOW BRO?

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Y... YES. WELCOME.
YOU, HEY YOU.
MM, IT'D BE AN EASY MATTER.
RECKON YOU'D BE ABLE TO FIND IT WITH YOUR DIVINATION?
TRUTH IS I'VE DROPPED SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT BUT...

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?!
GOODNESS, ALL THAT MONEY...
LOOK, I CAN PAY AS MUCH AS YOU WANT. SO PLEASE, FIND IT FOR ME.
REALLY NOW?!
EH?!
IT'S A WRISTWATCH...
MY, YOU ARE WONDERFUL SIR. I'LL LOOK INTO IT RIGHT AWAY.
I'M A COMPANY DIRECTOR, SO I'VE NO ISSUE PAYING YOU A FINDER'S FEE.
IT'S A VERY VALUABLE, SENTIMENTAL ITEM FOR ME.
I'M PRETTY SHOCKED TO SEE SOMEONE OFFER SO MUCH FOR A WRISTWATCH.
EKO EKO AZARAK, EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
THE WATCH LOOKS LIKE THIS, AND HAS MY NAME CARVED ON THE BACK.

IT WOULD SEEM AS THOUGH THE OBJECT IS NEAR.
BUT GIVE ME TWO... THREE DAYS AND I'LL BE SURE TO HAVE IT READY FOR YOU.
THAT IS NOT QUITE CLEAR YET.
EH. REALLY? WHERE ABOUTS IS IT?!
SUUURE, I'LL MAKE SURE I FIND IT!
VERY WELL. I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, BUT I'M WILLING TO PAY AS MUCH AS IT TAKES!
I FEEL THERE WAS SOMETHING OFFF ABOUT THAT ROLL OF BANKNOTES.
EEERM...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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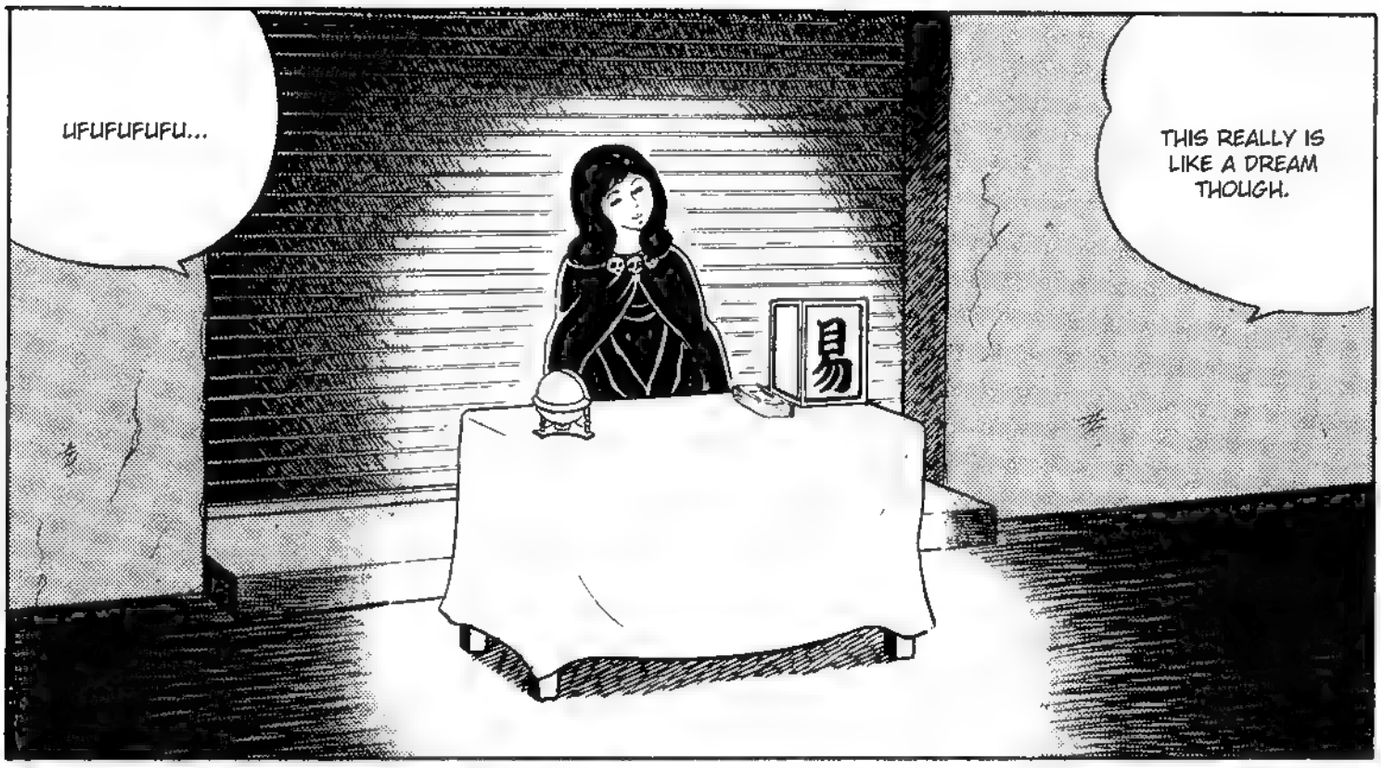
UFUFUFUFU...
THIS REALLY IS LIKE A DREAM THOUGH.
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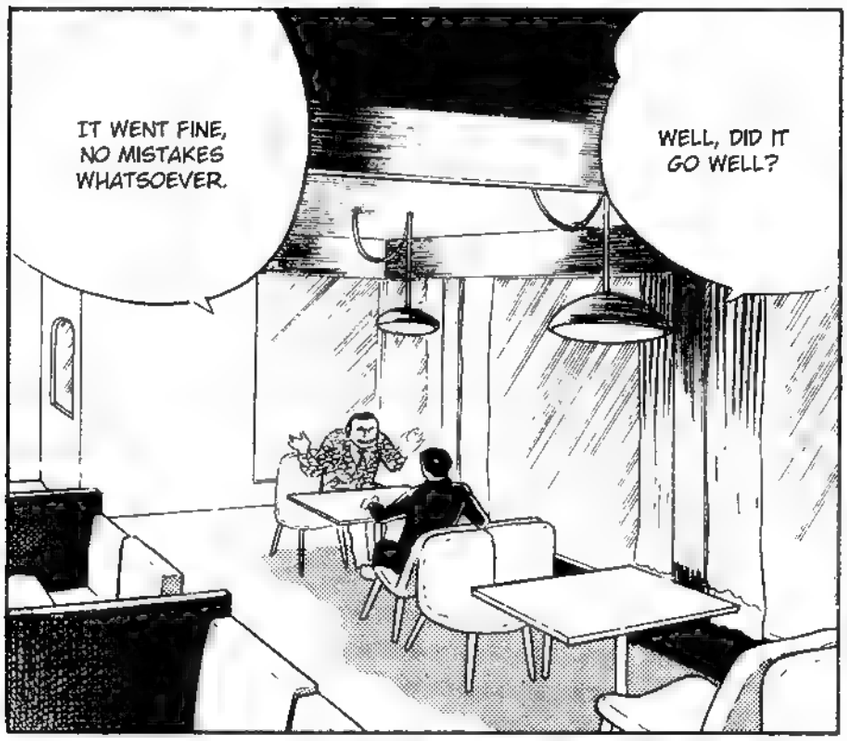
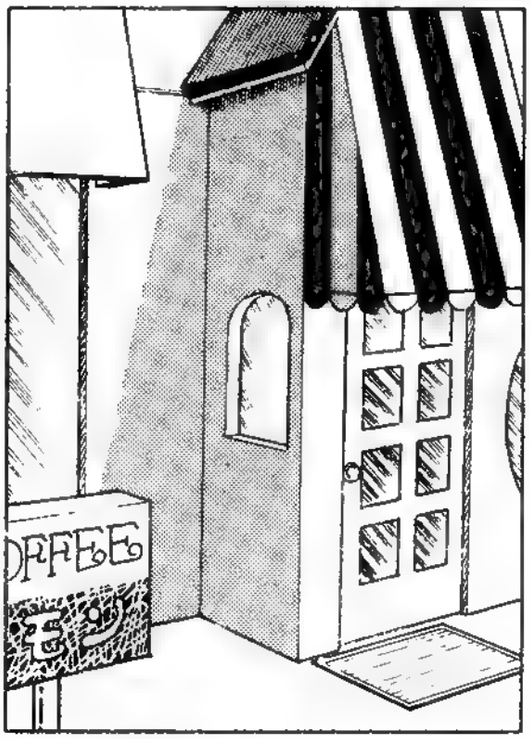
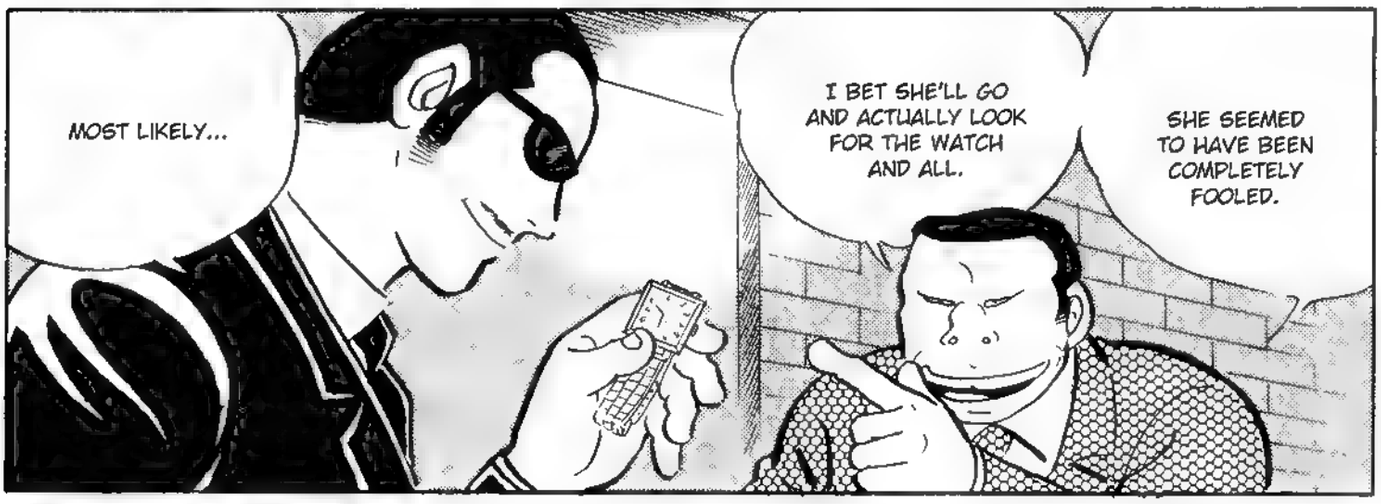

IT WENT FINE, NO MISTAKES WHATSOEVER.
WELL, DID IT GO WELL?




MOST LIKELY...
I BET SHE'LL GO AND ACTUALLY LOOK FOR THE WATCH AND ALL.
SHE SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY FOOLED.

I MEAN SPEAK OF THE DEVIL, SHE'S OVER THERE...
YOU KNOW SHE MIGHT ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO USE MAGIC...
G... GOTCHA.
IT'LL BE BAD IF YOU STICK AROUND, GO HIDE YOURSELF. QUICK!
WHAT IS IT?
ERM, COULD I ASK YOU SOMETHING...
I SEE.
THEN I'D LIKE YOU TO HAND IT OVER. I'M TO GET IT BACK TO ITS OWNER NO MATTER WHAT.
THIS? FUFUFU. AND WHAT IF I DID.
DID YOU PICK UP THAT WATCH BY ANY CHANCE?

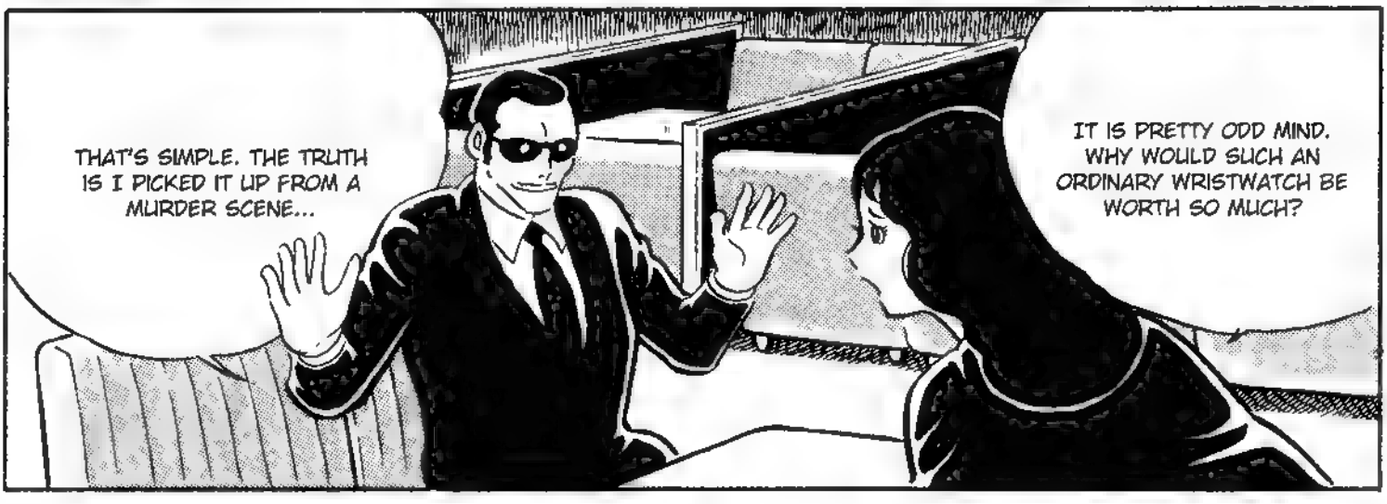
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS MUCH.
OF COURSE YOU'LL BE REIMBURSED.
SURE THING, I'LL GIVE IT BACK. BUT I AIN'T GONNA DO SO FOR FREE.
CHEAP ENOUGH. I CAN PAY YOU THAT RIGHT NOW.
THREE THOUSAND YEN EH...
EH, THREE THOUSAND YEN'S NOT ENOUGH?
D... DON'T SCREW WITH ME!
I GUESS I WAS GONNA GET MUCH MORE FROM THE DIRECTOR ANYWAY...

WH... WHAT WAS THAT...?!
IDIOT! IF YOU WANT THIS WRISTWATCH IT'S GONNA COST YA 30,000 YEN!

CAN ALWAYS RELY ON BRO TO BE CLEVER, KUKUKU...

I GET IT NOW. WE CHEAT HER OUT OF HER MONEY, THEN RUN AWAY WITH IT.

AAAH, I'LL LOSE ALL MY PROFIT.


THAT'S SIMPLE. THE TRUTH IS I PICKED IT UP FROM A MURDER SCENE...
IT IS PRETTY ODD MIND. WHY WOULD SUCH AN ORDINARY WRISTWATCH BE WORTH SO MUCH?

AND THE WATCH COULD POSSIBLY END UP AS EVIDENCE...
SO THEN, THE CUSTOMER WOULD'VE BEEN THE MURDERER...
FOR TODAY YOU CAN JUST GIVE ME WHAT YOU HAVE AS A DEPOSIT...
HEHEHE, IF SO...
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS I'VE NOT ENOUGH MONEY ON ME.
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CHEERS!
THEY REALLY DID...
THINGS WENT PRETTY WELL BRO.
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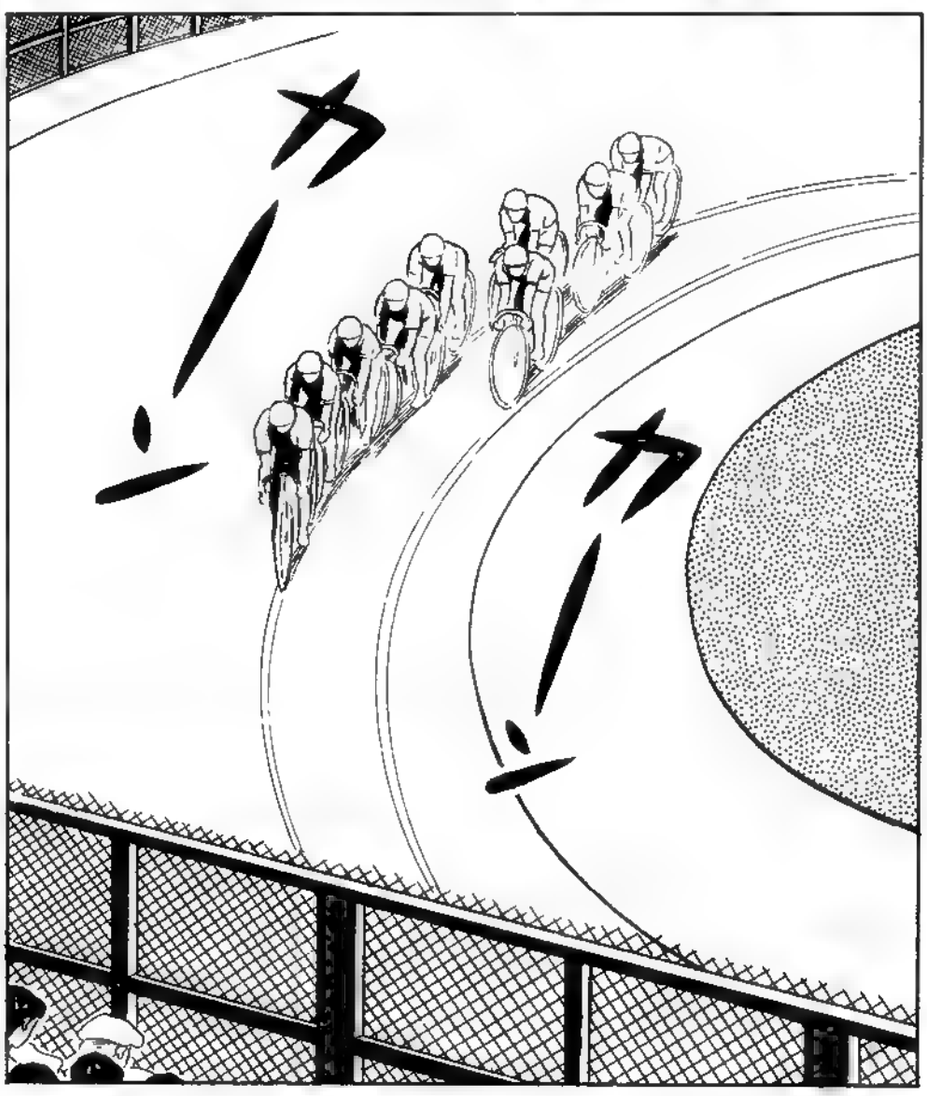
HEEH... YOU KNOW IT WAS PRETTY NASTY TRYING TA PASS ME OFF AS A MURDERER.
STLL, LET'S HAVE A NICE, CALM DRINK TONIGHT.
FORTUNE TELLING SEEMS PRETTY PROFITABLE.
THANKS TO THAT THOUGH SHE GAVE UP ALL THE MONEY SHE HAD.
TCH.
AS FAR AS LOOKS GO YOU'RE SPOT ON AINTCHA!
PRETTY LUCKY THERE, BRO.
THEY GAVE ME TOO MUCH CHANGE.
WHAT IS IT?
OH?
COME AGAIN.

COULD IT BE COINCIDENCE...
HOLD UP NOW. I WENT TO PACHINKO AND SPENT SOME OF THE CASH EARLIER. NORMALLY I BLOW IT ALL BUT TODAY I HAD A TON OF BALLS COME OUT...

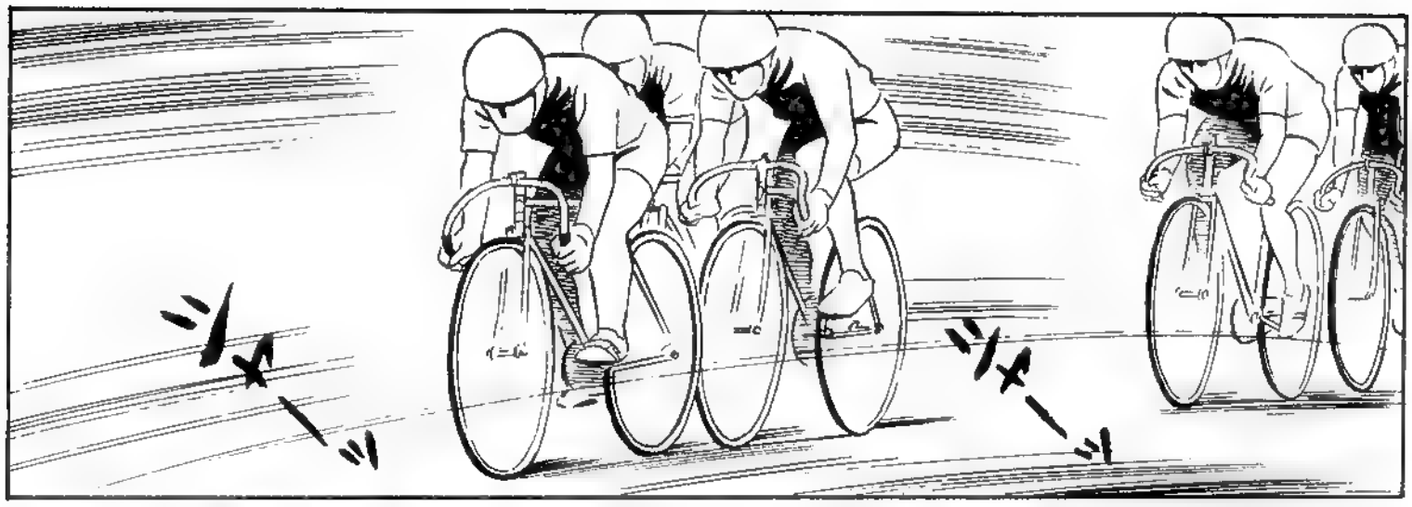
HOW ABOUT WE GO TO THE KEIRIN EVENT TOMORROW, BRO...?
ALRIGHT, I'LL GIVE IT A GO THEN.

YOU SAYING IT'S BROUGHT US GOOD LUCK.
OR DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FORTUNE TELLER...

UUHOOOO!! HE CAME THROUGH AGAIN! I REALLY AM IN LUCK!



IT REALLY WASN'T JUST COINCIDENCE!



PLUS HE WAS THE DARK HORSE!

HE TOOK ANOTHER ONE...!
YES!

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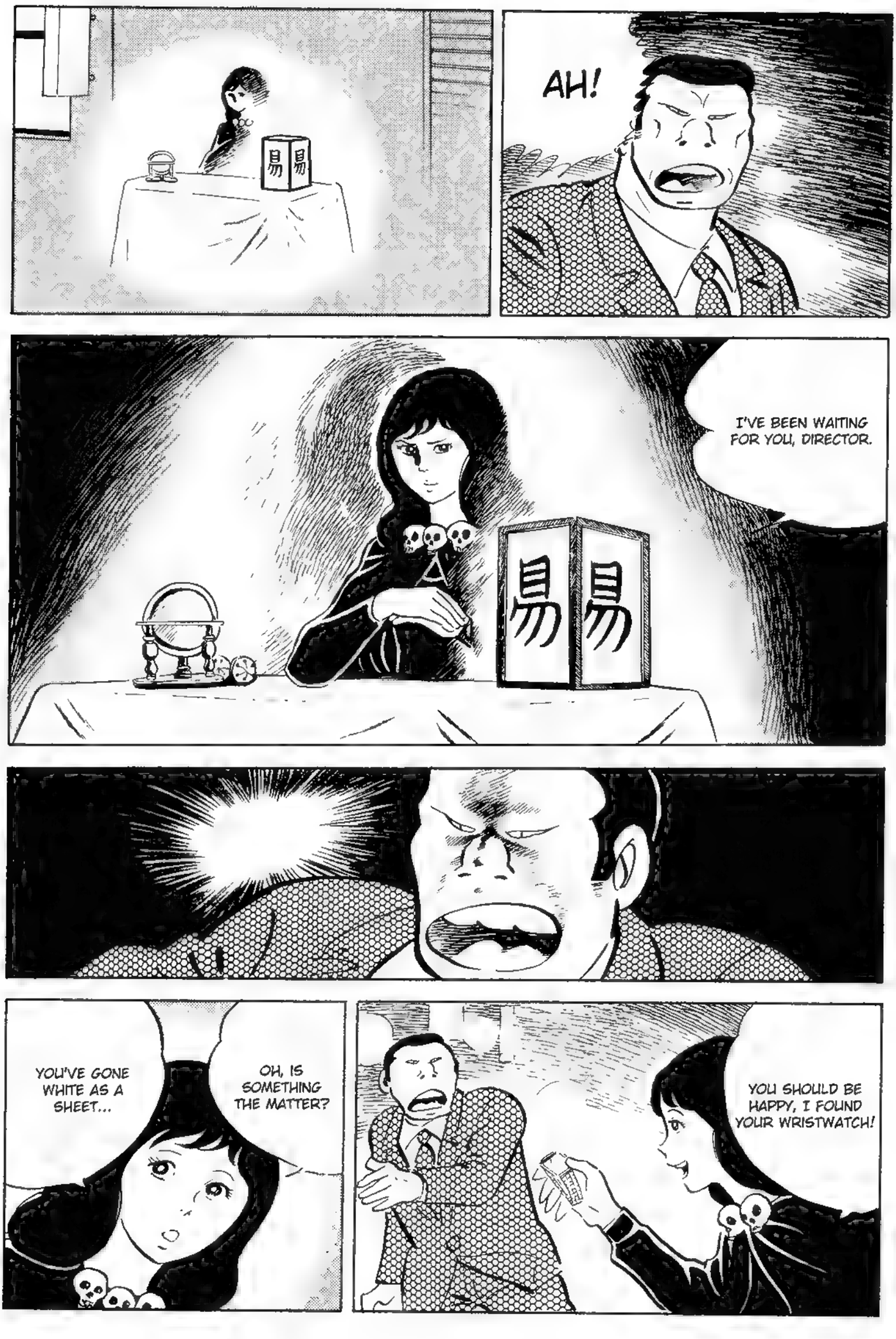
IT'S LIKE A DREAM.
USHISHI. I GOT ALL OF THIS.

WE'D PROMISED TO MEET BY THE CYCLE TRACK ENTRANCE.
WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO BRO THOUGH.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AH!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, DIRECTOR.
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YOU'VE GONE WHITE AS A SHEET...
OH, IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY, I FOUND YOUR WRISTWATCH!

ALRIGHT THEN, HERE'S THE INVOICE FOR MY TROUBLES...
AND THEN DROPPED THE WATCH AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME, RIGHT?
YOU KILLED SOMEONE.
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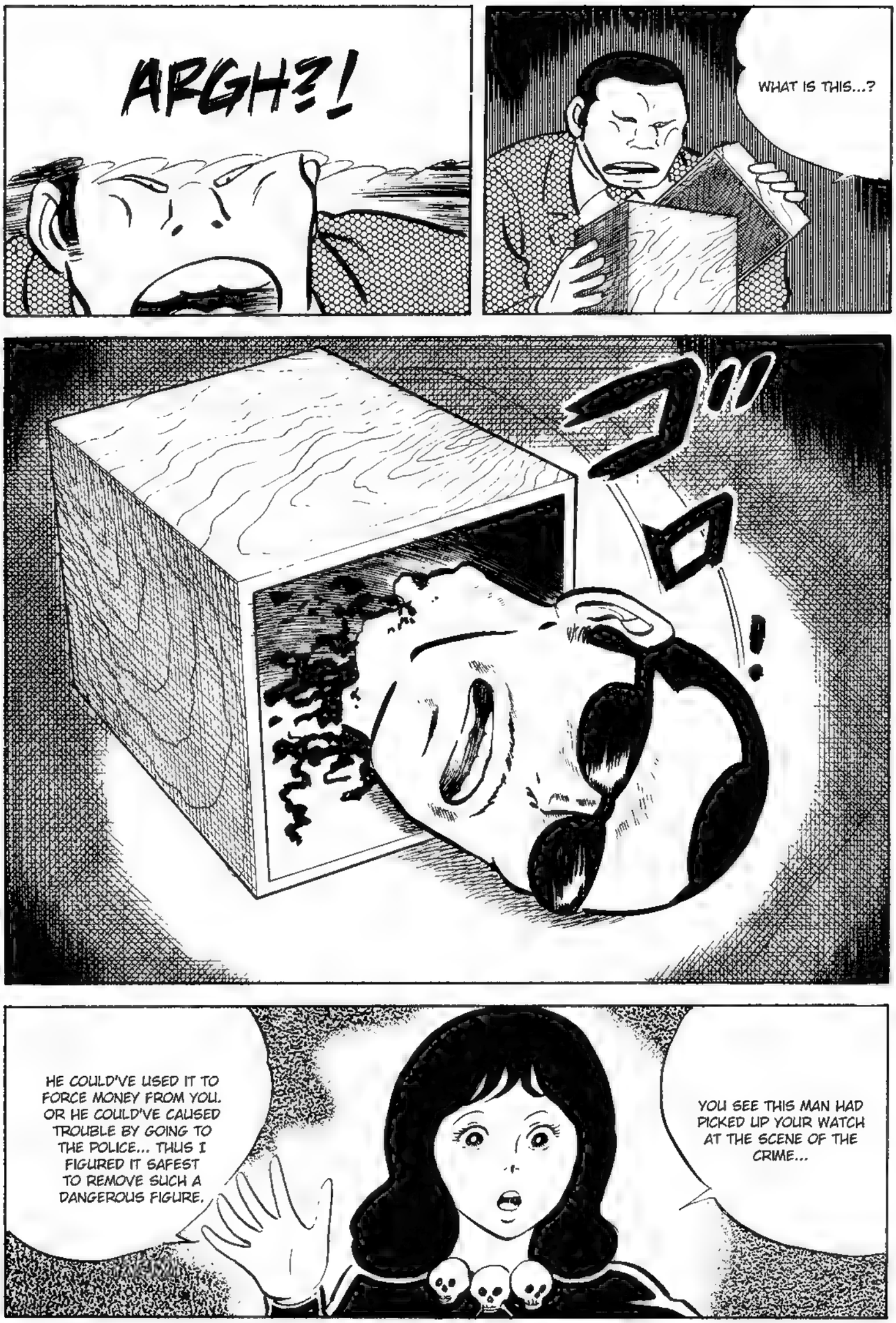
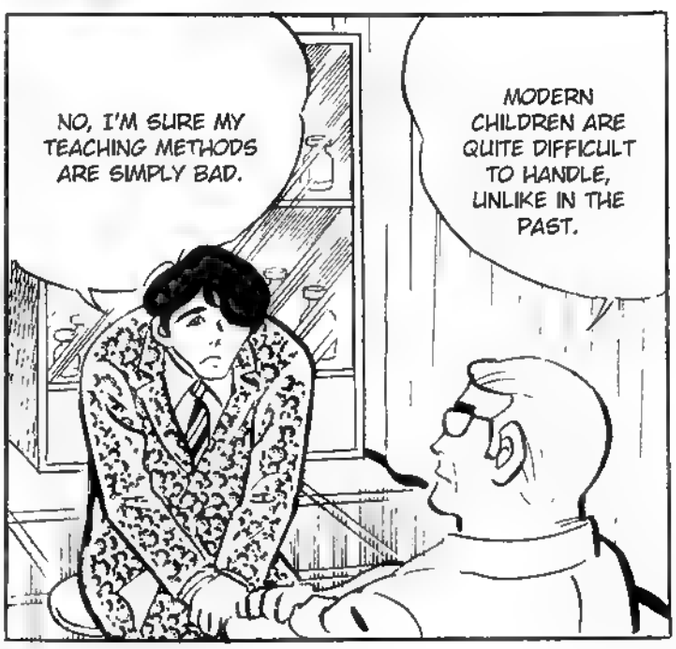
ONE AND... ONE AND A HALF MILLION YEN?!
YEP. HALF A MILLION YEN IN EXCHANGE FOR FINDING THE WATCH...
AND THEN ONE MILLION YEN FOR THIS...


ARGH?!
WHAT IS THIS...?
HE COULD'VE USED IT TO FORCE MONEY FROM YOU. OR HE COULD'VE CAUSED TROUBLE BY GOING TO THE POLICE... THUS I FIGURED IT SAFEST TO REMOVE SUCH A DANGEROUS FIGURE.
YOU SEE THIS MAN HAD PICKED UP YOUR WATCH AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...

I'LL JUST BE TAKING MY FEE.
WITH THIS YOU'RE SAFE. YOU CAN ONCE MORE WALK OUTSIDE PROUDLY.
A... AAAAARGH!
UFUFUFU. I'D EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM A BIG COMPANY DIRECTOR...
WHAT A FOOLISH MAN...
OHOHO-HOHOHO!

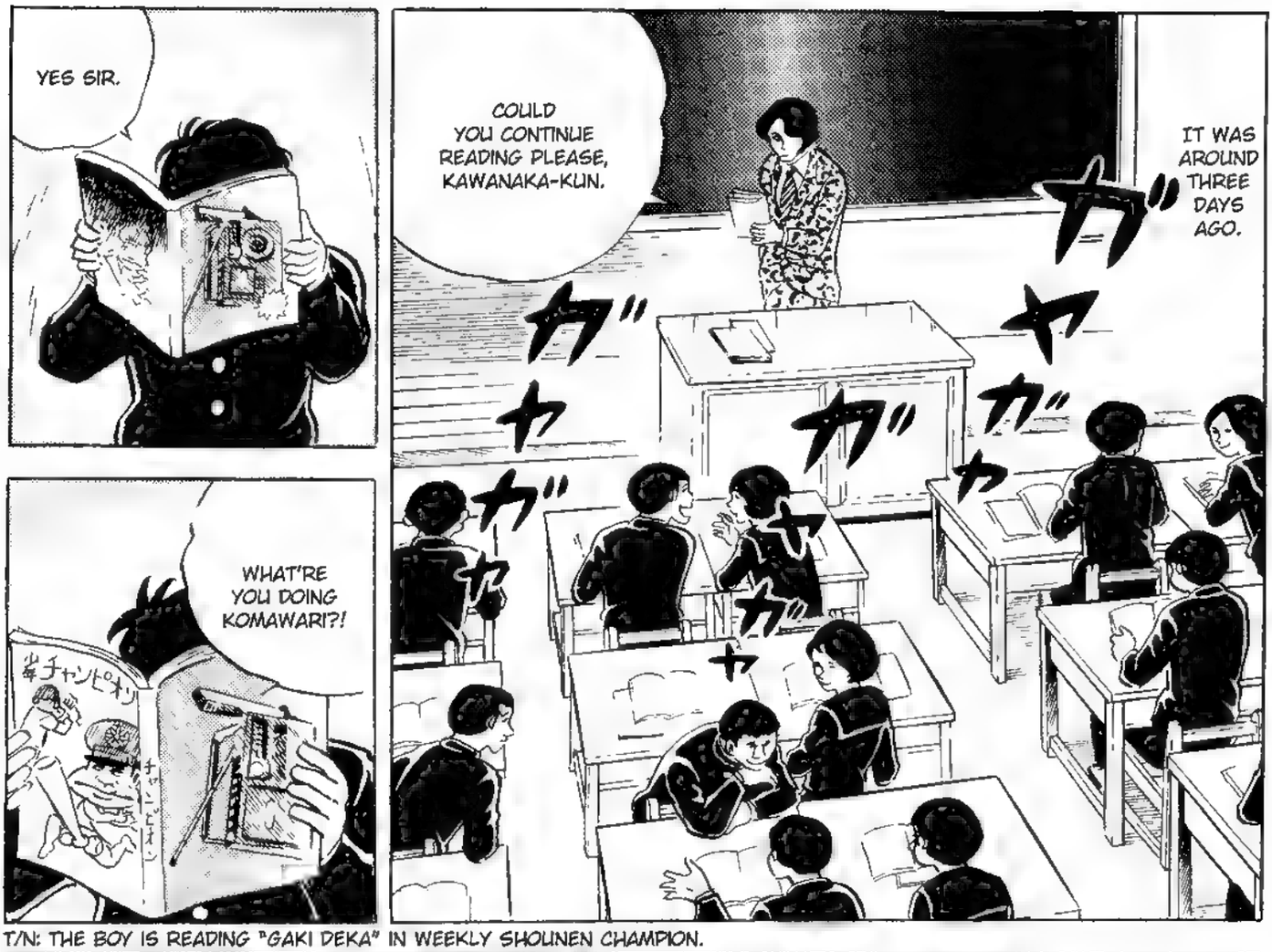
THE SECRET MIND READING TECHNIQUE

T/N: THE SIGN READS "NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST GYEONGIN HOSPITAL".



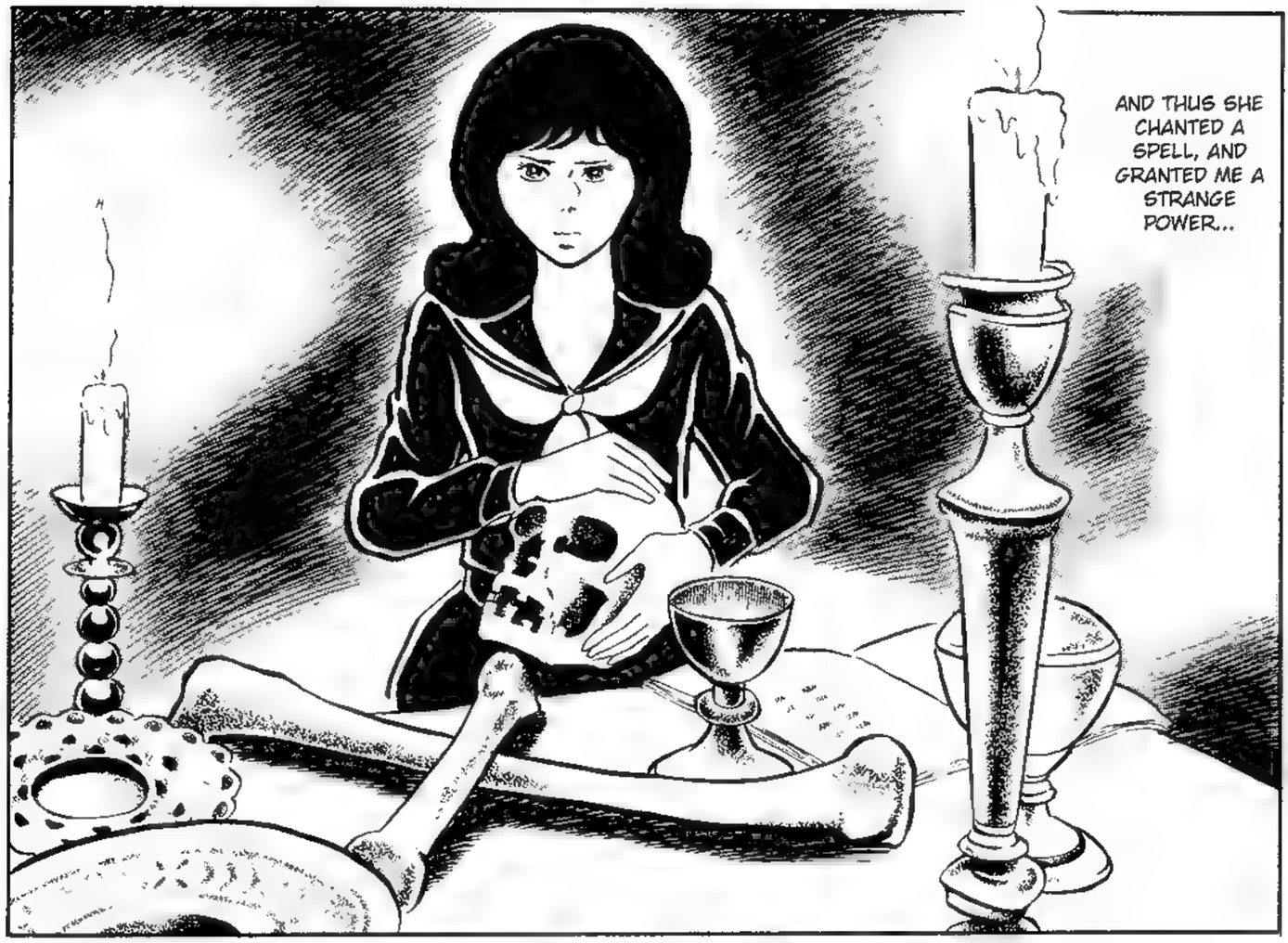
THANK YOU...
YOU'VE SIMPLY A LIGHT CASE OF NEUROSIS. YOU NEED■'T WORRY...
MM...
YOU MUSTN'T BLAME YOURSELF. YOUR CONDITION WILL WORSEN...
EH?!
WHAT A FOOL...
WHAT A COMPLETE FOOL...
I'M SURE SOMEONE WAS JUST TALKING...
ODD...

WAIT.
IS HE TALKING TO HIMSELF...
HE NEVER WORKS ENOUGH. ALL HE DOES IS SPEND MONEY...
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT HE'S MURMURING ABOUT IN HIS MIND...
HIS MOUTH'S NOT MOVING...
I'VE SUCH A TROUBLESOME SON...
THIS MUST BE BECAUSE OF HER... BECAUSE OF MISA KUROI'S MAGIC!
I... I GET IT, I CAN READ PEOPLE'S MINDS NOW!



T/N: THE BOY IS READING "GAKI DEKA" IN WEEKLY SHOUNEN CHAMPION.

CONTINUE WITH THE LESSON YOU SAY?!
WHAT'S WRONG SENSEI. COULD YOU PLEASE CONTINUE WITH THE LESSON?
...
UH.
DON'T GET VIOLENT NOW.
ARE EVEN YOU TRYING TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME?!
ARE YOU TRYING TO LECTURE ME?!
I THINK IT IMPORTANT YOU WORK ON CAPTURING THE HEARTS OF YOUR STUDENTS.
ALSO YOU SHOULD TRY TO BE MORE CLEAR IN YOUR SPEECH, WOULDN'T IT HELP MAKE YOUR LESSONS INTERESTING?
YOU MUSTN'T LOSE YOUR TEMPER SO QUICKLY, YAMAMOTO-SENSEI.
ONCE YOU'VE LEARNED HOW TO, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO EASILY UNDERSTAND THE MINDS OF OTHERS...
WH... WHAT?!
I KNOW, HOW ABOUT I TELL YOU HOW TO READ MINDS.


AND THUS SHE CHANTED A SPELL, AND GRANTED ME A STRANGE POWER...

BUT HOW AMAZING, TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE MINDS OF OTHERS...
THE MAGIC MUST BE COMING INTO EFFECT...

UFUFU. THAT KIND, CUTE LOOKING GIRL'LL DO.
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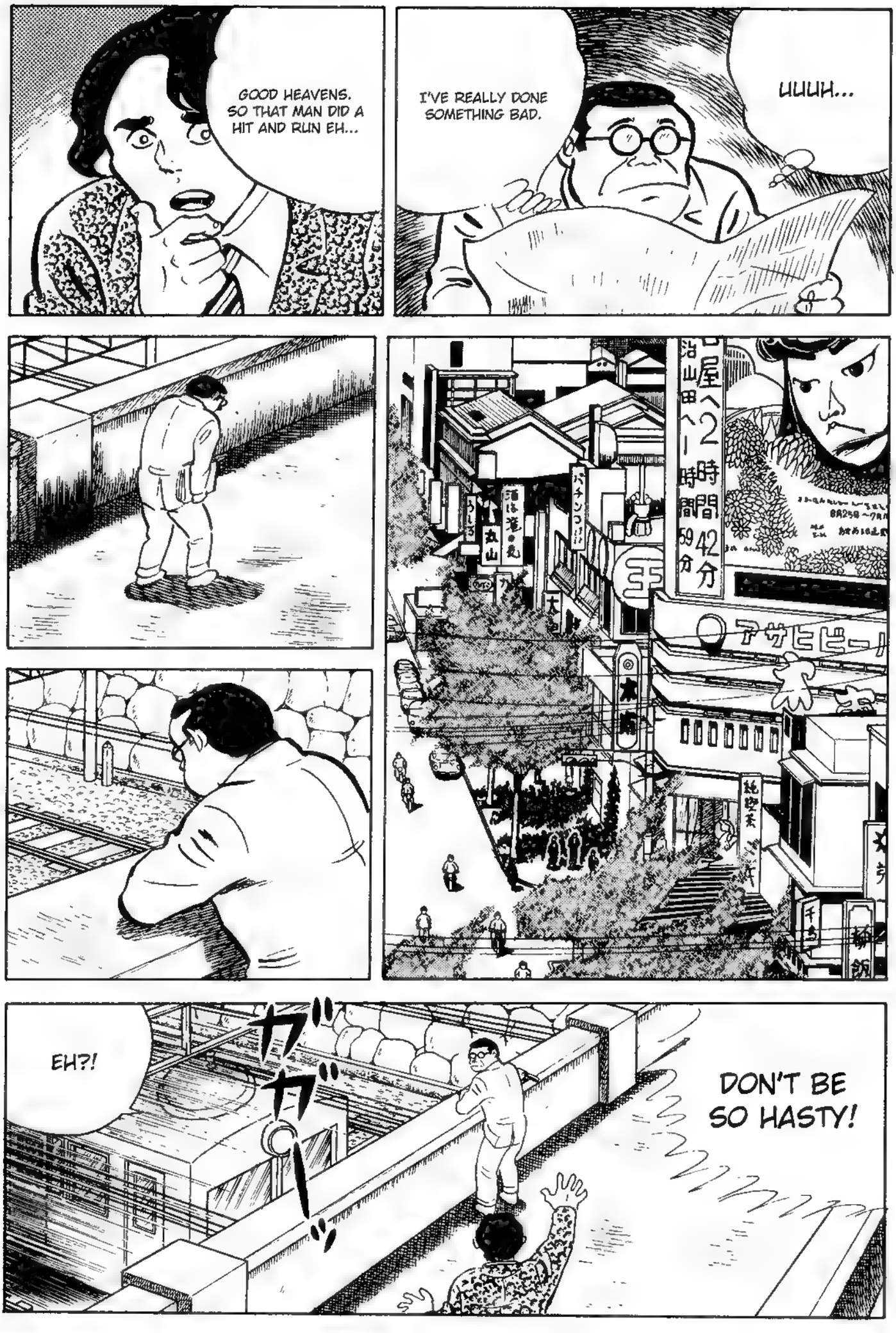
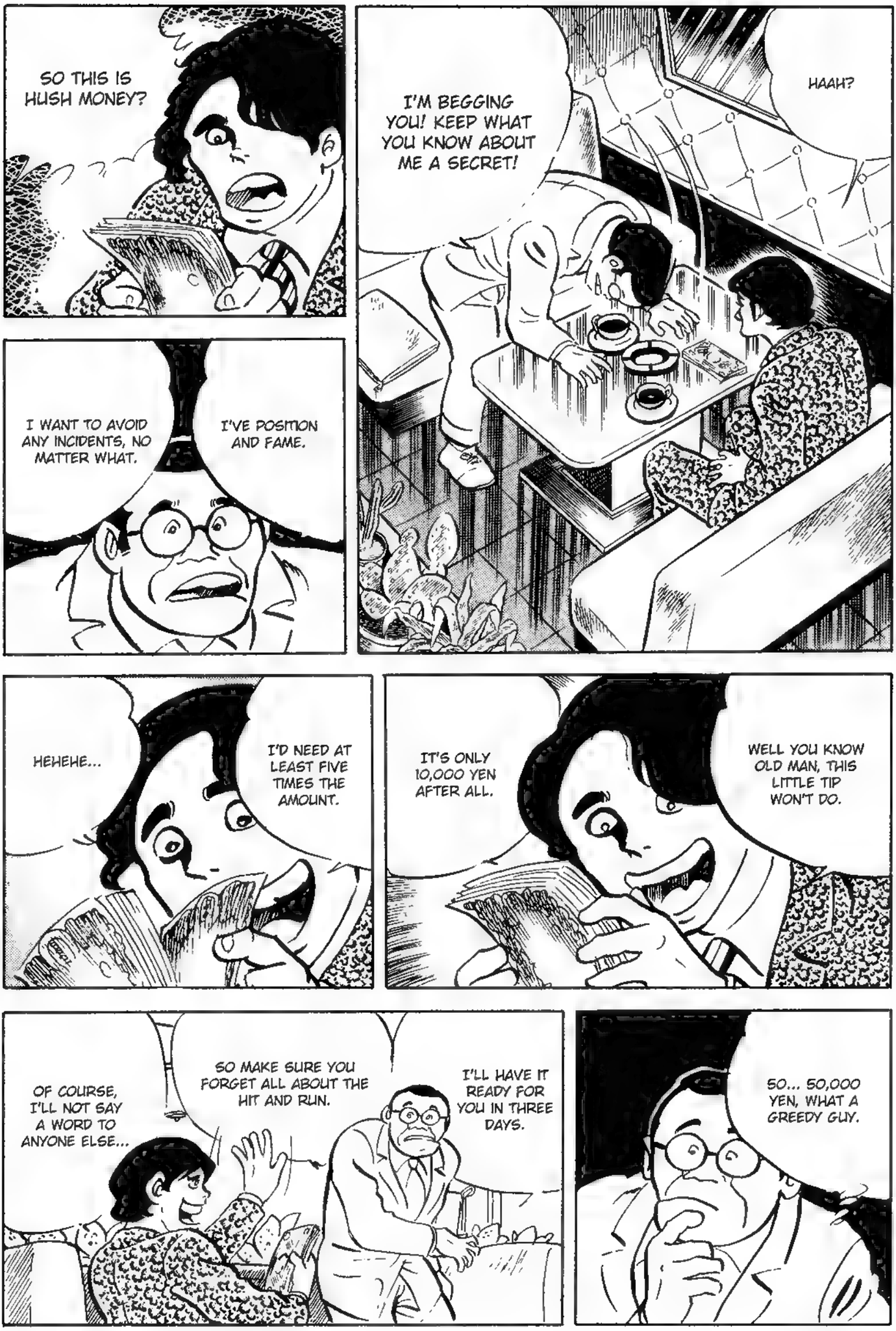
LET'S HAVE A BIT OF FUN AND LOOK INTO THE MINDS OF THE OTHER PATIENTS HERE.
face

...
THAT MAN'S BEEN STARING AT ME FOR SOME TIME NOW.
HMPH.
face
FUFUFU, HE'S DEFINITELY CAPTIVATED.
FUFUFU... IT'S QUITE NATURAL. YOU DON'T OFTEN SEE GIRLS AS AS BEAUTIFUL AS I AM...
face
I HATE HIS TYPE THOUGH, I'LL ACT COLDLY.
HE'S STILL LOOKING. HE MUST'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ME.
face
TCH, WHAT A STUCK UP GIRL.
EH?!
ENOUGH ALREADY, DON'T GET SO FULL OF YOURSELF!
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!

BET HE'S A LIL' OFF IN THE HEAD.
B... BEATS ME.
WHY'D HE SUDDENLY START SHOUTING...
HAH?!
THE HIT AND RUN I DID TWO DAYS AGO WAS A TERRIBLE THING...
HM?!
PLUS THE GUY I HIT DIED INSTANTLY...
WHO'S THAT...?


GOOD HEAVENS. SO THAT MAN DID A HIT AND RUN EH...
I'VE REALLY DONE SOMETHING BAD.
UUUH...
EH?!
DON'T BE SO HASTY!

DO I LOOK THAT WAY TO OTHERS?!
I... IDIOT! DON'T TEMPT FATE!
I MEAN YOU WERE JUST ABOUT TO THROW YOURSELF OFF...
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
...
THEN...
YOU MUST'VE WITNESSED IT!
EEH. H... HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?!
NO, I IMAGINE IT WAS THE PAIN FROM THE HIT AND RUN.
THIS IS ALL I HAVE ON ME RIGHT NOW...
EH?
J... JUST A MOMENT.


SO THIS IS HUSH MONEY?
I'M BEGGING YOU! KEEP WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT ME A SECRET!
HAAH?
I WANT TO AVOID ANY INCIDENTS, NO MATTER WHAT.
I'VE POSITION AND FAME.
HEHEHE...
I'D NEED AT LEAST FIVE TIMES THE AMOUNT.
IT'S ONLY 10,000 YEN AFTER ALL.
WELL YOU KNOW OLD MAN, THIS LITTLE TIP WON'T DO.
OF COURSE, I'LL NOT SAY A WORD TO ANYONE ELSE...
SO MAKE SURE YOU FORGET ALL ABOUT THE HIT AND RUN.
I'LL HAVE IT READY FOR YOU IN THREE DAYS.
SO... 50,000 YEN, WHAT A GREEDY GUY.

LIKE THIS, I COULD FIND OUT THE SECRETS OF OTHERS, AND MAKE A TON OF MONEY FROM THEM.
YOU KNOW...
I GOT ALL THIS CASH VIA MY MIND READING.
UHAHAHAHA...
THERE'LL BE TONS OF PEOPLE WITH DARK SECRETS!
THE WORLD OVERLOOKS ALL MANNER OF EVIL DEEDS SO...
YOU'D BETTER HURRY UP, ELSE YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL.
OH IT'S YOU LOT.
GOOD MORNING YAMAMOTO-SNESE!
THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

YOU WANT ME TO LOOK AFTER A BUNCH OF ANNOYING BRATS FOR A MERE PITTANCE?!
HMPH! DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
I TOLD THE PRINCIPAL HOW STUPID IT WAS TO BE A TEACHER AND QUIT!
OH FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!
JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?
I WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT HE WAS SUCH A CARELESS PERSON.
IT WOULD SEEM HE'S BEEN LOST IN GREED.
GOODNESS...
ALRIGHT, LET'S SPEND ALL OF TODAY DRINKING TOO!
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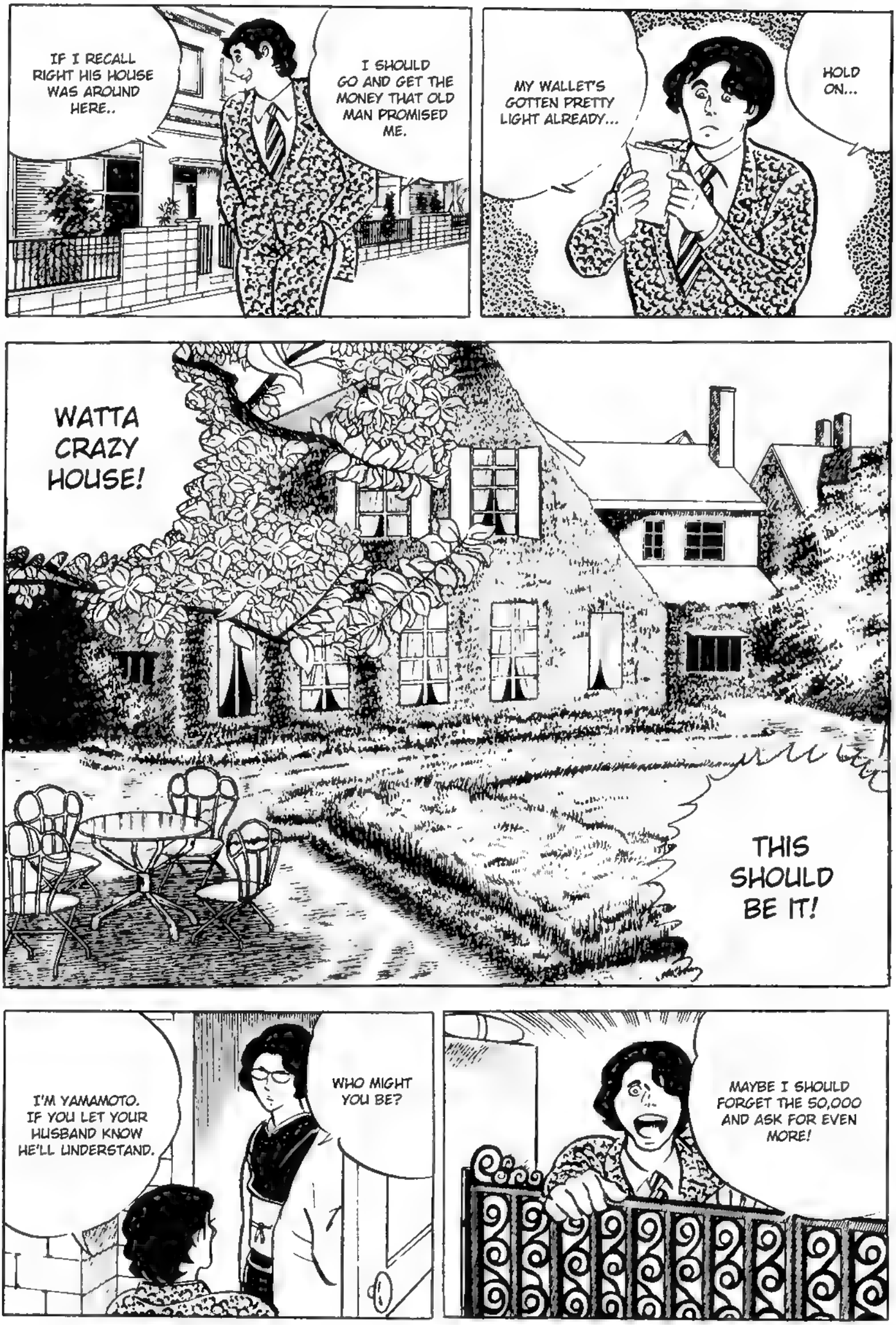
QUITE THE SAD SIGHT...

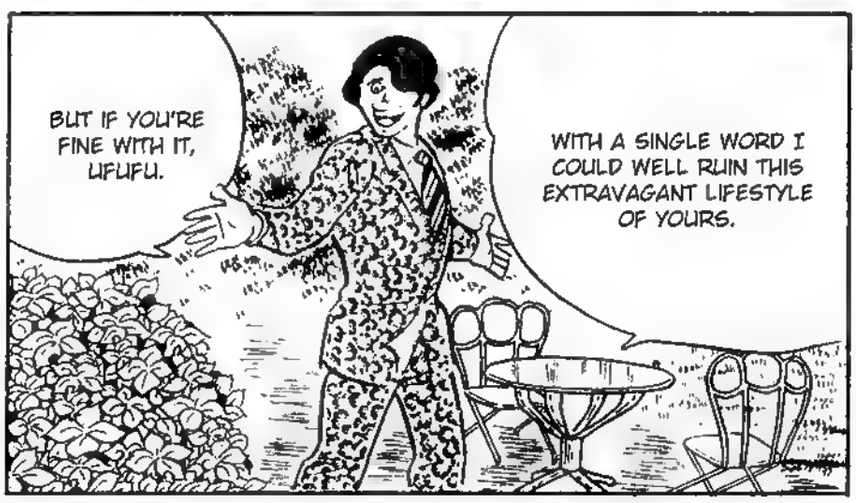

IF I RECALL RIGHT HIS HOUSE WAS AROUND HERE..
I SHOULD GO AND GET THE MONEY THAT OLD MAN PROMISED ME.
MY WALLET'S GOTTEN PRETTY LIGHT ALREADY...
HOLD ON...
WATTA CRAZY HOUSE!
THIS SHOULD BE IT!
I'M YAMAMOTO. IF YOU LET YOUR HUSBAND KNOW HE'LL UNDERSTAND.
WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
MAYBE I SHOULD FORGET THE 50,000 AND ASK FOR EVEN MORE!

BL... BLACKMAILER?!
YOU MUST BE THE BLACKMAILER THEN.

VERY WELL. YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO REGRET NOT TREATING ME POLITELY.
HOUH, IT WOULD SEEM YOU DON'T KNOW THEN MA'AM.

NOW PLEASE LEAVE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT HAVE ON MY HUSBAND, BUT THERE IS NO REASON ANYONE ELSE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIM.

FOR YOUR THREATS.
YOU'RE A FOOL IF YOU THINK I'D FALL...


BUT IF YOU'RE FINE WITH IT, UFUFU.
WITH A SINGLE WORD I COULD WELL RUIN THIS EXTRAVAGANT LIFESTYLE OF YOURS.

I DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO PLAY AROUND WITH SOME LITTLE HOODLUM.

WHATEVER MAY BE JUST GET AWAY PLEASE.
THEN I'LL JUST GO AND TELL THE POLICE YOUR HUSBAND'S SECRET!

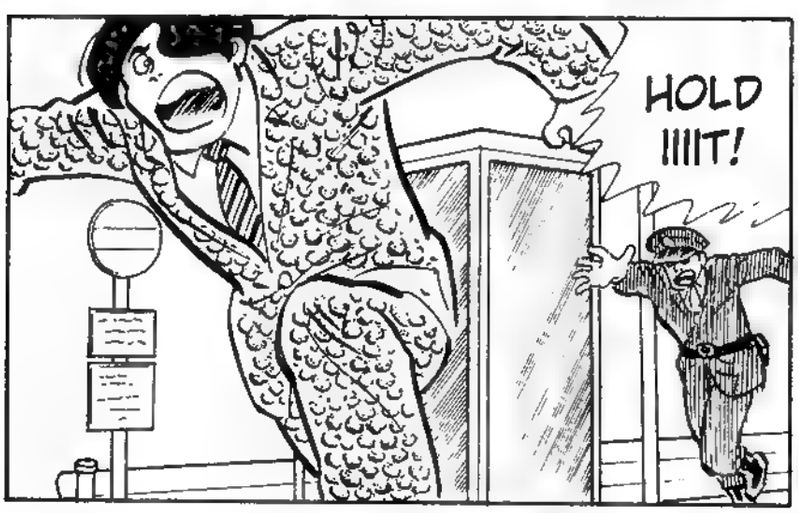
SEE IF I CARE WHEN YOU'RE CRYING AFTER!
DAAAAMN HER!
L... LITTLE HOODLUM?!
ALRIGHT, I'LL GO LET THE POLICE KNOW EVERYTHING.
A MAN WHO RAN FROM KILLING SOMEONE IN A HIT AND RUN...
IS THAT SO...
警察署
暴力を見たら110番
EH? THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN TO CONFESS MANY TIMES...?
YOU KNOW HOW OFTEN THEY'VE ALREADY COME HERE TO CONFESS?
?!
AHAHAHAH!

SO WHILE HE'S NOT ACTUALLY KILLED ANYONE, HE FIRMLY BELIEVES HIS DELUSIONS THAT HE HAS.
HE'S QUITE A SAD CASE REALLY. YOU SEE IT SEEMS HE SUFFERS FROM A CONDITION WHEREIN HE HAS DELUSIONS THAT HE'S KILLED SOMEONE...

N... NOW YOU MENTION IT I DID MEET HIM IN THE MENTAL HOSPITAL...!
APPARENTLY HE GOES TO THE HOSPITAL EVERY DAY BUT THEY'VE MADE NO PROGRESS ON CURING HIM.

EEEP!

IT'S YOU ISN'T IT. THE WOULD BE BLACKMAILER.
INCIDENTALLY, WE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM HIS WIFE A SHORT WHILE AGO.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HAAH, HAAH.
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IT'S YOU...!
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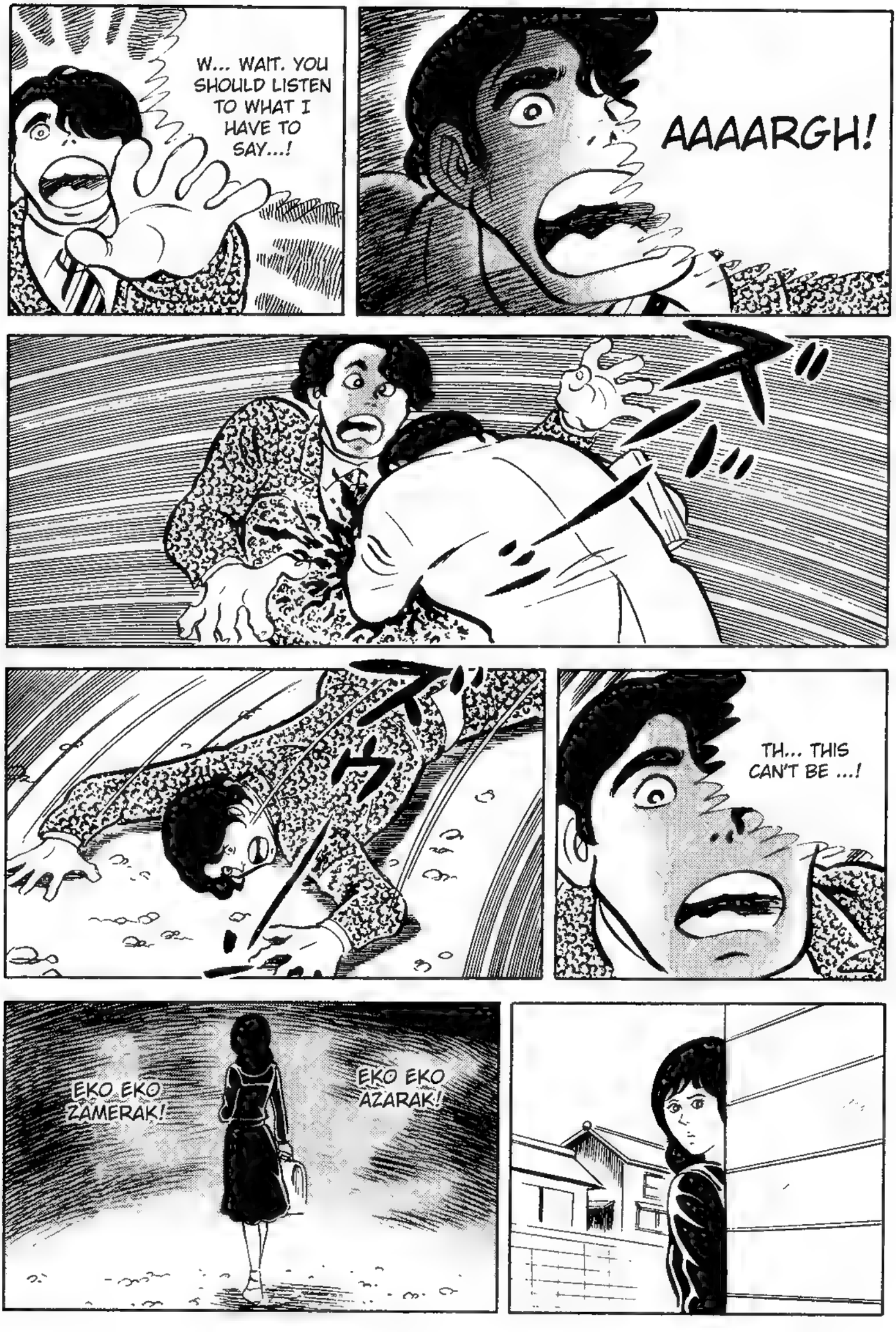
AH!
Y... YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG OLD MAN, YOU'RE JUST SICK!
BUT YOU BETRAYED ME AND WENT TO THE POLICE!
I CAME WITH THE MONEY I'D PROMISED.
I ABSOLUTELY CANNOT FORGIVE YOU!
I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU!


W... WAIT. YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY...!
AAAARGH!
TH... THIS CAN'T BE ...!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
EKO EKO AZARAK!

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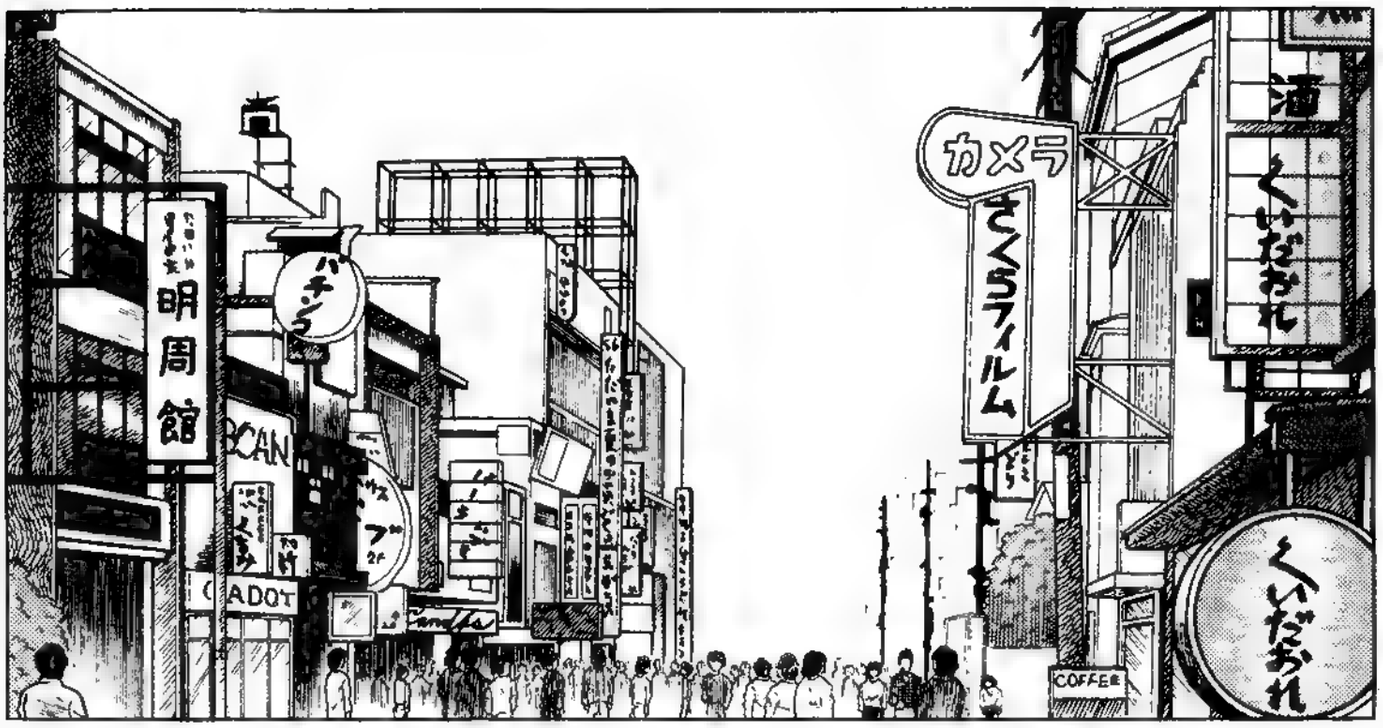
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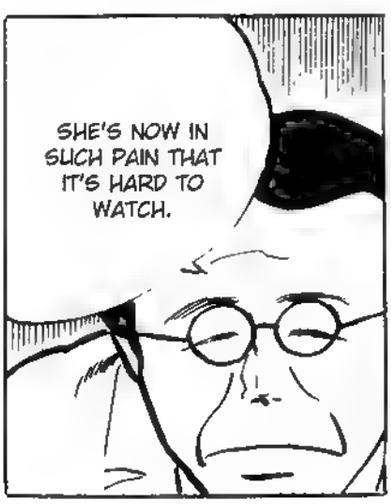
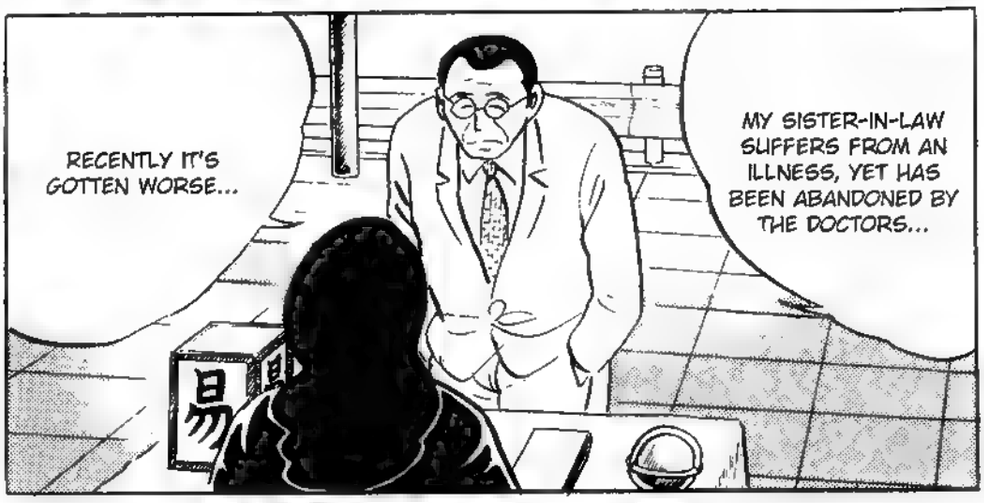
COFFEE

D... DON'T BE CRAZY! THAT'D BE ABSURD!

DO YOU... WISH TO HAVE SOME SORT OF MISFORTUNE BEFALL SOMEONE?

FUFUFUFU...
I HEARD A RUMOUR THAT YOU CAN USE BLACK MAGIC...


SHE'S NOW IN SUCH PAIN THAT IT'S HARD TO WATCH.


RECENTLY IT'S GOTTEN WORSE...
MY SISTER-IN-LAW SUFFERS FROM AN ILLNESS, YET HAS BEEN ABANDONED BY THE DOCTORS...

YES. I'D LOVE TO FREE HER FROM HER PAIN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. TRUTH BE TOLD I'VE LOST COUNT OF HOW MANY TIMES I'VE HARBOURED THE DESIRE TO KILL HER...
THEN YOU WANT TO FIND A QUICK CURE FOR HER...

AND THAT'S WITHOUT MENTIONING HOW BLACK MAGIC IS THE STRONGEST POWER THE DEVIL CAN GRANT.

YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU'D LIKE TO EUTHANISE HER.
I UNDER-STAND.

REST AT EASE. THE WORD IMPOSSIBLE DOES NOT EXIST WITHIN THE REALM OF MAGIC...
WITH YOUR MAGIC POWER YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT RIGHT?
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UFUFUFU...

EKO EKO AZARAK, EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
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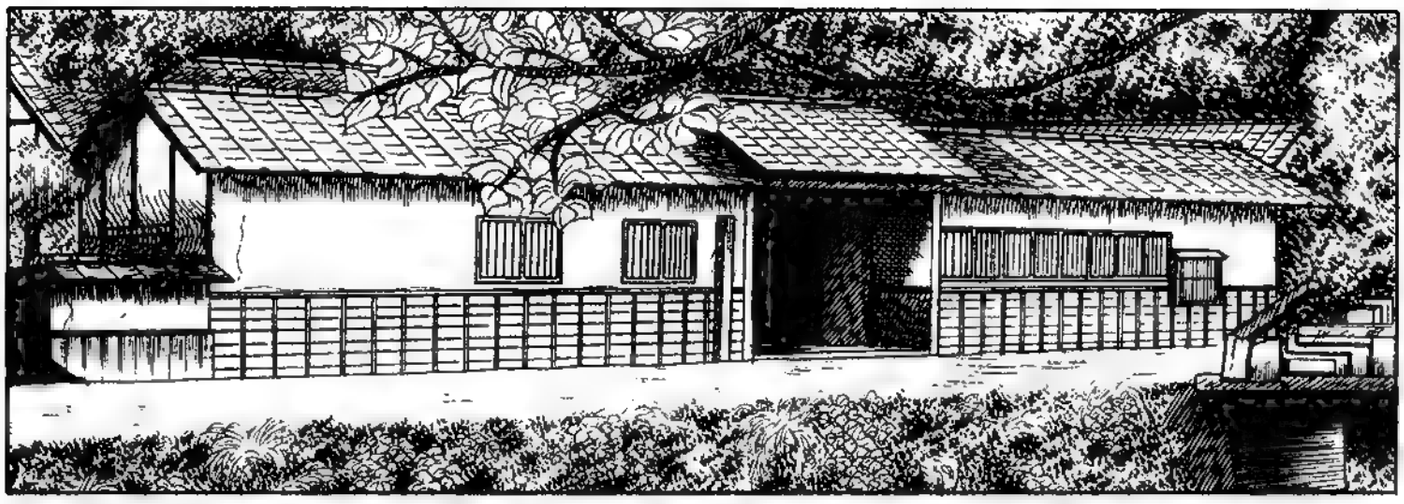
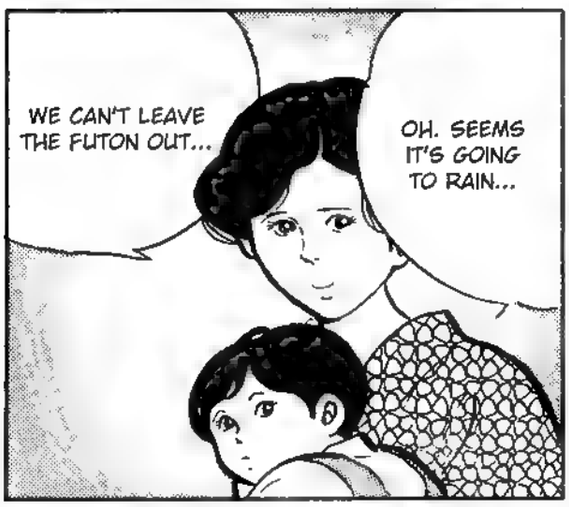
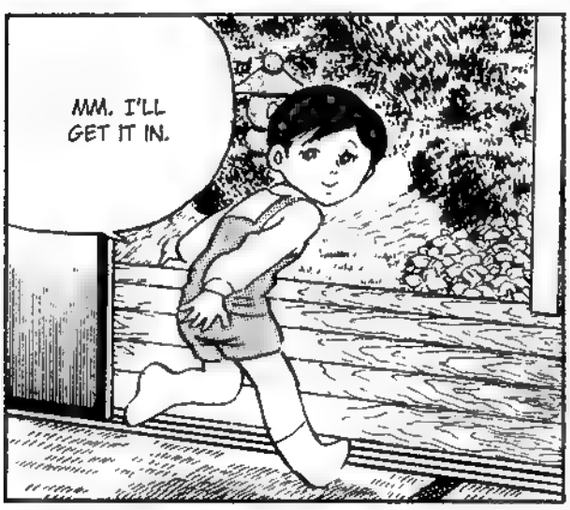
ARGH. THE SKULL CRUMBLED!
Y... YES, A LITTLE BIT EVERY DAY!
UNDER-STOOD?
THE PAIN WILL VANISH, THEY'LL FIND THEMSELVES IN GREAT PLEASURE, AND EVENTUALLY THEY'LL QUIETLY BREATHE THEIR LAST...
I'VE CAST MAGIC ON THE BONES. DISSOLVE THEM, THEN HAVE THE PATIENT DRINK A LITTLE EVERY DAY.

GOODNESS. WHAT A LOT OF LOVELY FLOWERS BLOOMING.
SOME DAYS AFTER...
IS SHE ILL THEN?
CHEER HER UP?
MM.
MM. THEY HELP CHEER MAMA UP.
DO YOU LIKE FLOWERS?

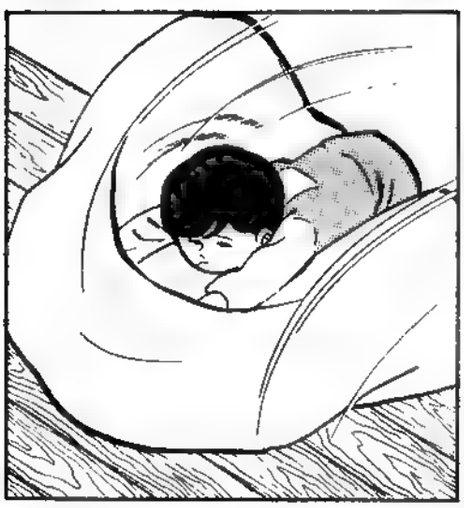
EEEH?
I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF MAMA DIES.
...
WELL, I DON'T REALLY KNOW. BUT I HAVE HEARD THAT.
HEY. DO PEOPLE REALLY JUST GO TO A FAR AWAY LAND WHEN THEY DIE?
...
IS YOUR MOTHER'S CONDITION THAT BAD?
M... MM. WELL YOU CARRY ALONG A DARK ROAD... YET NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU MIGHT SHOUT OUT, NO ONE EVER ANSWERS...
SO WHAT IS THE COUNTRY LIKE THEN?
HEY!

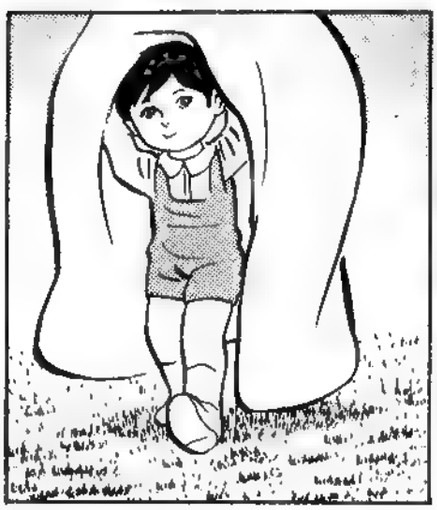


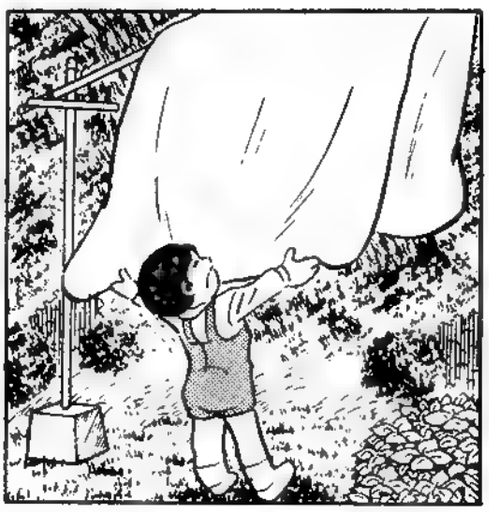

WE CAN'T LEAVE THE FUTON OUT...
OH. SEEMS IT'S GOING TO RAIN...


MM. I'LL GET IT IN.

WHAT AN ODD CHILD YOU ARE, JUST RUSHING UNDER MY FUTON LIKE THAT...







DRUNK AGAIN...
AH. THE OLD MAN'S BACK.
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OOOI, I'M HOME!
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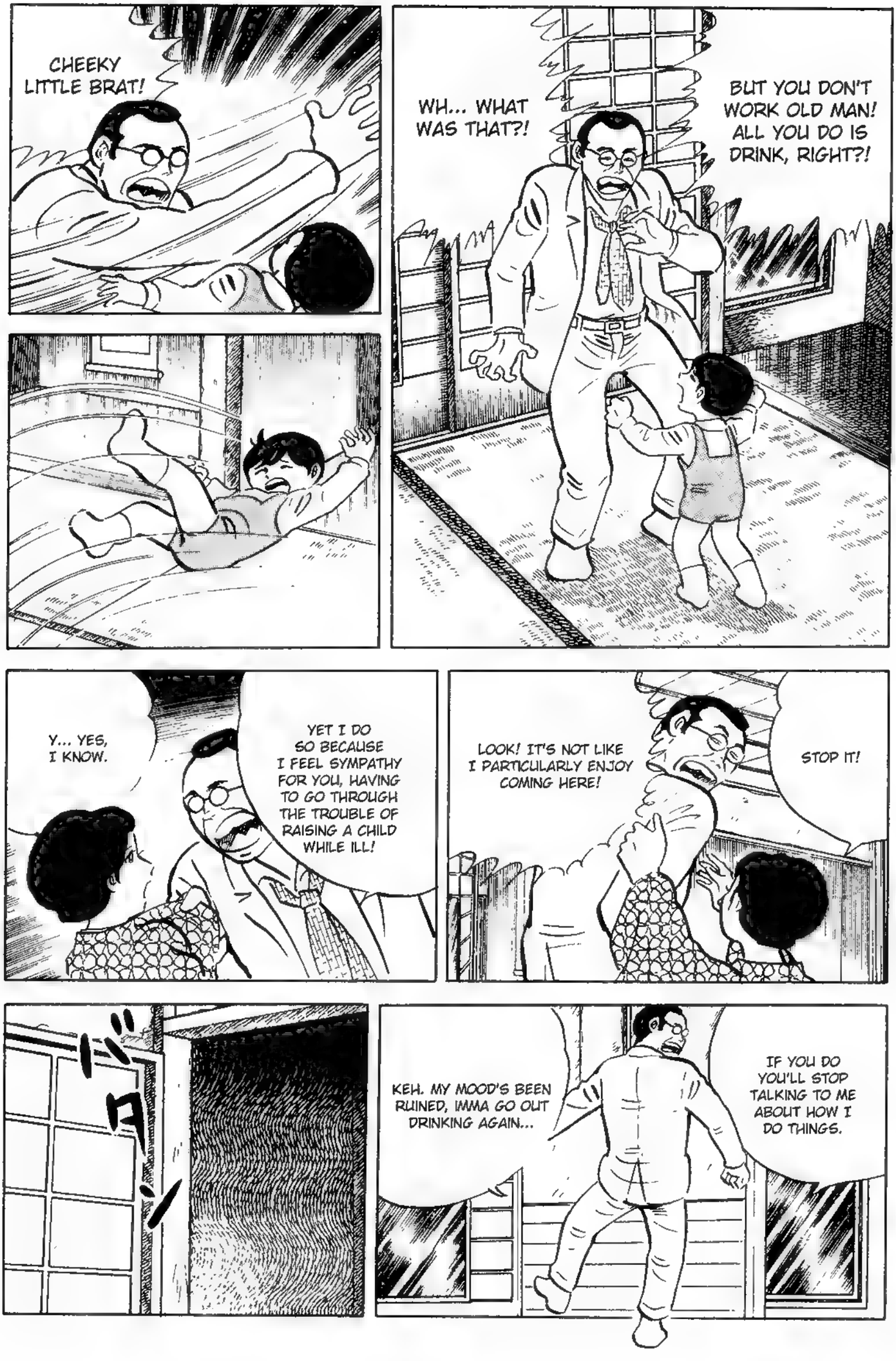
UIII.
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING THE WHITE MEDICINE EACH DAY?
FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS MY BODY'S FELT REALLY SLUGGISH.
HOW'RE YOU FEELING?
ALL MEDICINE TASTES STRANGE.
AHAHAHA. WHAT'RE YOU SAYING.
EH?!
MM. BUT IT HAS A STRANGE TASTE FOR MEDICINE.

OH YEAH, ANOTHER INVOICE CAME FROM THE HOSPITAL.
EH? DOESN'T IT FEEL AS THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN TREATING ME AS NOTHING MORE THAN A BANKBOOK RECENTLY?
SO GIVE ME SOME MONEY PLEASE.
I'LL PAY FOR IT.
THEN WHAT, EH! YOU SAYING I'M EMBEZZLING YOU?!
BUT... NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT...
I MEAN, I DO HAVE TO PAY FOR ALL THE GAS, ELECTRICITY AND WHAT NOT.
DON'T KID AROUND. THAT 50,000 YEN YOU GAVE ME HAS ALREADY GONE.
EEH, WELL?!


CHEEKY LITTLE BRAT!
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
BUT YOU DON'T WORK OLD MAN! ALL YOU DO IS DRINK, RIGHT?!
Y... YES, I KNOW.
YET I DO SO BECAUSE I FEEL SYMPATHY FOR YOU, HAVING TO GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF RAISING A CHILD WHILE ILL!
LOOK! IT'S NOT LIKE I PARTICULARLY ENJOY COMING HERE!
STOP IT!
KEH. MY MOOD'S BEEN RUINED, IMMA GO OUT DRINKING AGAIN...
IF YOU DO YOU'LL STOP TALKING TO ME ABOUT HOW I DO THINGS.

THEN WHY DOES HE ALWAYS PICK ON US?
HE IS.
ISN'T HE PAPA'S BROTHER?
DID IT HURT?
I NEED TO GET BETTER QUICKLY, FOR YOUR SAKE...
SORRY. WHAT A BAD MAMA I AM, GETTING THIS WEAK.
MAMA, ARE YOU OKAY?!
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GO AND TAKE AN UMBRELLA TO THE BAR HE'S USUALLY AT.
I'M SURE HE'LL BE IN TROUBLE.
MY, WHAT TERRIBLE RAIN.
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EXACTLY, UFUFUFU.
I GET IT NOW, NO-ONE WOULD REALISE IF SOMEONE WAS KILLED THROUGH MAGIC.
BAR
I DON'T WANT TO, BUT IT'D BE A SHAME IF HE GOT WET.
MM.

OHOHOHOH, QUITE RIGHT.
WASN'T IT YOU, MADAME, WHO TOLD ME HOW TO BE SO CUNNING?
I'LL USE UP ALL MY DEAD BROTHER'S ASSETS, AND ULTIMATELY TAKE OVER THE HOUSE AND LAND!
YOU'RE QUITE THE VILLAIN THEN...
RECENTLY SHE'S GOTTEN A LOT WEAKER. JUST A QUESTION OF TIME NOW.
I TAKE IT SHE'S STILL NOT KICKED THE BUCKET?
SURE THING. I'LL BUY YOU WHATEVER YOU WANT. USHISHI...
SAY. ONCE YOU SELL THE ESTATE, HOW ABOUT BUYING ME A DIAMOND RING?
KAKAKA...

MM?!
IF THAT'S SO, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A MINK COAT...
I... I GOT YOU A BROLLY...
TH... THE LITTLE BRAT... WHAT'S HE DOING HEEEERE?!
KAAAH!

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HM?!
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AH!
WHO'S THAT SINGING?
IT'D SEEM AS THOUGH I'M A BIT BETTER. I FEEL REALLY GOOD.
WH... WHAT'RE YOU DOING. YOU'RE SINGING WHILE ILL...
AND LIVE ON...
I'LL TAKE YOUR LOVE...
Song

THE PAIN WILL VANISH, THEY'LL FIND THEMSELVES IN GREAT PLEASURE, AND EVENTUALLY THEY'LL QUIETLY BREATHE THEIR LAST...
UFUFUFU... THIS MUST BE SIGNS OF IT WORKING...
HOUH...
G... GOT IT...
DON'T TALK NONSENSE. WHAT IF YOU BREAK OUT IN A FIT AGAIN?!
BUT I NO LONGER NEED THE MEDICINE.
ALRIGHT, DON'T FORGET TO DRINK THIS TONIGHT THOUGH.
NO WAY.
GOT THAT, GO TO BED WITH HIM.
YOUR MOTHER'S REST IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. YOU SHOULD GET TO BED SOON TOO MASAO.
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER DEAD FACE ALREADY.
FUFUFU.
ALRIGHT.
YOU NEED TO DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD, ELSE I WON'T SING WITH YOU AGAIN.

OLD MAN.
STILL, I'M CONCERNED THAT SHE'S NOT BEEN TAKING THE MEDICINE PROPERLY...
WASN'T SHE ON THE VERGE OF DEATH? MAYBE I'LL HAVE TO MAKE HER DRINK IT MYSELF!
AAAAH, I CAN'T REACH.
IDIOT! GO AND SLEEP BY YOURSELF.
NO, STOOOOP!
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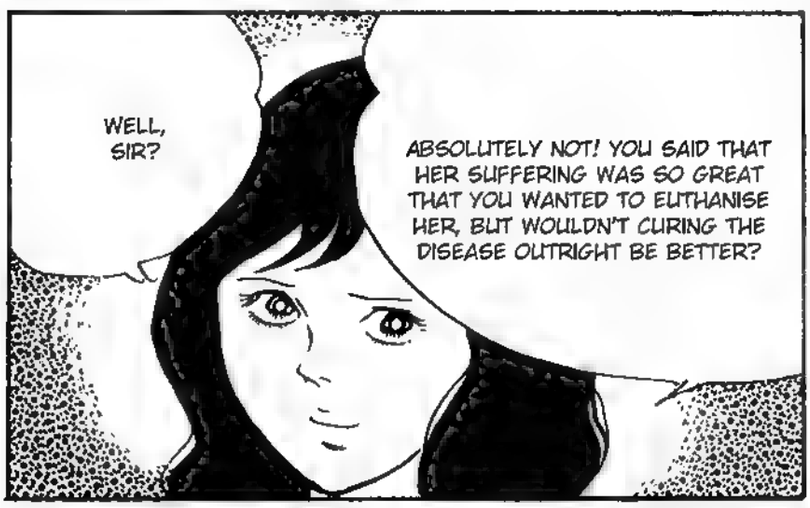
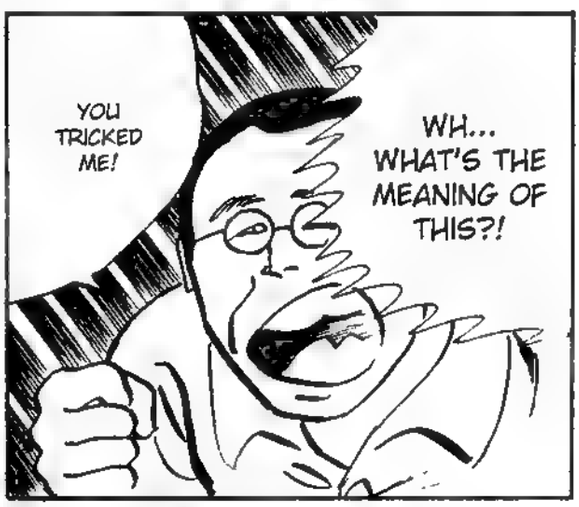
WHAT A PAIN...

BUT I CAN TAKE THE MEDICINE MYSELF.
I WANT YOU TO GET BETTER RIGHT AWAY!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?!
NOOOO!
SHUT UP. JUST OPEN YOUR MOUTH!
GYAAAH!
KAKAKA!
JUST STAY ASLEEP LIKE THAT, AND PASS ON OVER TO THE OTHER WORLD!
SEEMS SHE FAINTED...

SHUT UP...
EXCUSE ME, MIGHT I COME IN?
WHO IS IT THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING...
WH... WHAT SORT OF PRESENT?!
I'VE A PRESENT.
HM, YOU'RE THE FORTUNE TELLER!
DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT YOUR SISTER-IN-LAW HAS FULLY RECOVERED? LOOK, SHE'S CHEERILY DOING THE WASHING.

AAAARGH!


WELL, SIR?
ABSOLUTELY NOT! YOU SAID THAT HER SUFFERING WAS SO GREAT THAT YOU WANTED TO EUTHANISE HER, BUT WOULDN'T CURING THE DISEASE OUTRIGHT BE BETTER?

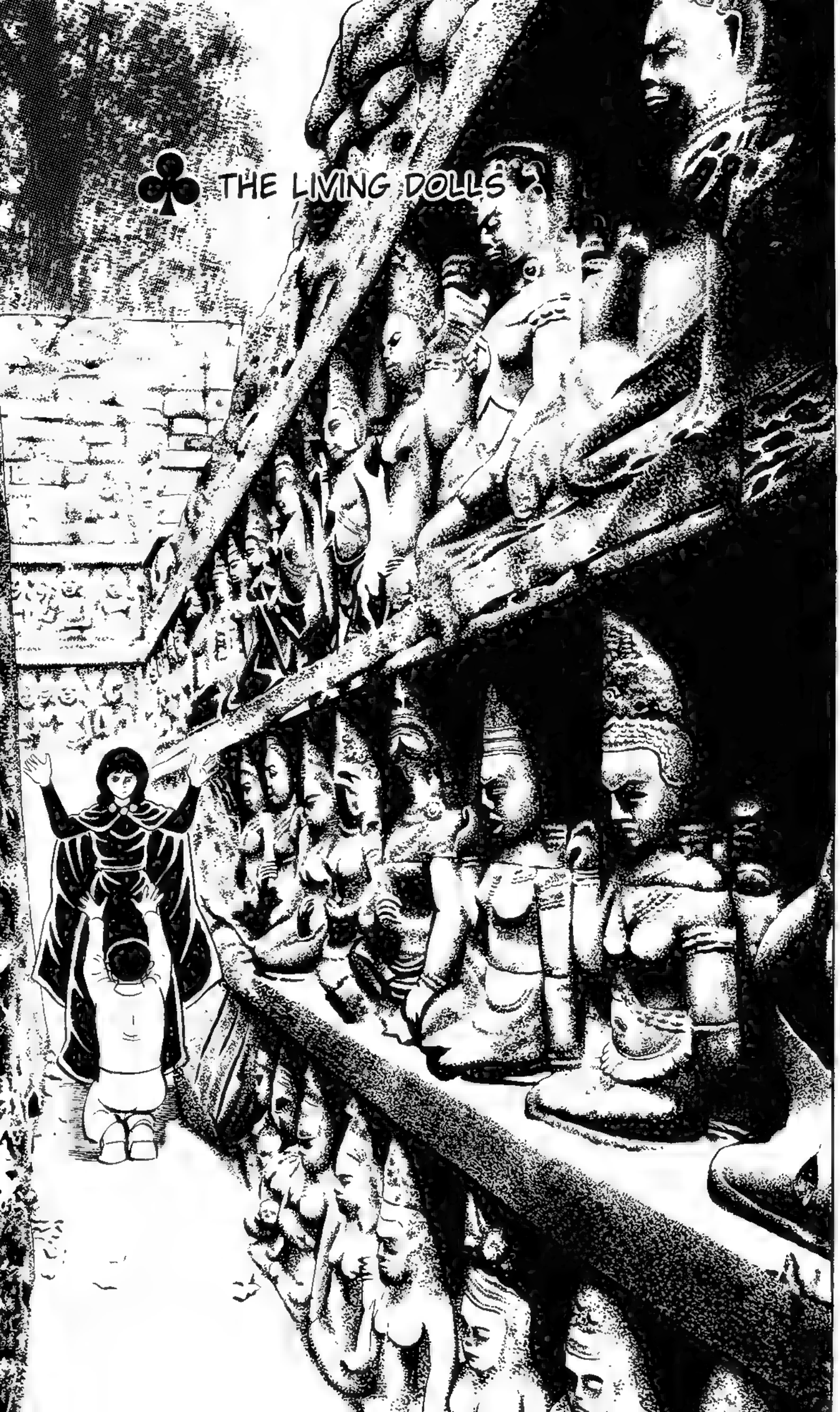

YOU TRICKED ME!
WH... WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!

OH, IS SOMETHING WRONG? ARE YOU NOT SATISFIED?

I'LL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT.
FINE THEN.

YES. BY USING WHITE MAGIC IT'S POSSIBLE TO FULLY HEAL EVEN INCURABLE DISEASES.
SO FROM THE OUTSET THAT'S WHAT YOU'D BEEN LOOKING TO USE YOUR MAGIC FOR...?

PARARARATSU NANAGAN SENONOTSU.
PARARARATSU NANAGAN SENONOTSU.
IN GHANA, AFRICA, THE KULIDIM TRIBE WOULD MAKE USE OF A BONE CRUSHING TECHNIQUE DURING EXECUTIONS...
UGYAAAAAH!
ALL OF THE BONES IN YOUR BODY ARE CRUMBLING... SIR...
I... IT HURTS! M... MY BONES ARE... AAAAAAH!


♣ THE LIVING DOLLS

SENSEI'S WATCHING, KUROI-SAN.
THERE HAVE REALLY BEEN A LOT RECENTLY.
A SERIES OF ELEVATOR ACCIDENTS!
KUROI-KUN! WHAT ARE YOU GAZING OFF AT?!
WITH THAT THE TRIANGLE'S AREA IS...
M... MM...
HE'S STRICT SO WATCH OUT.
ALRIGHT, GO TO THE NEXT PAGE...
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YES!
HAH?!
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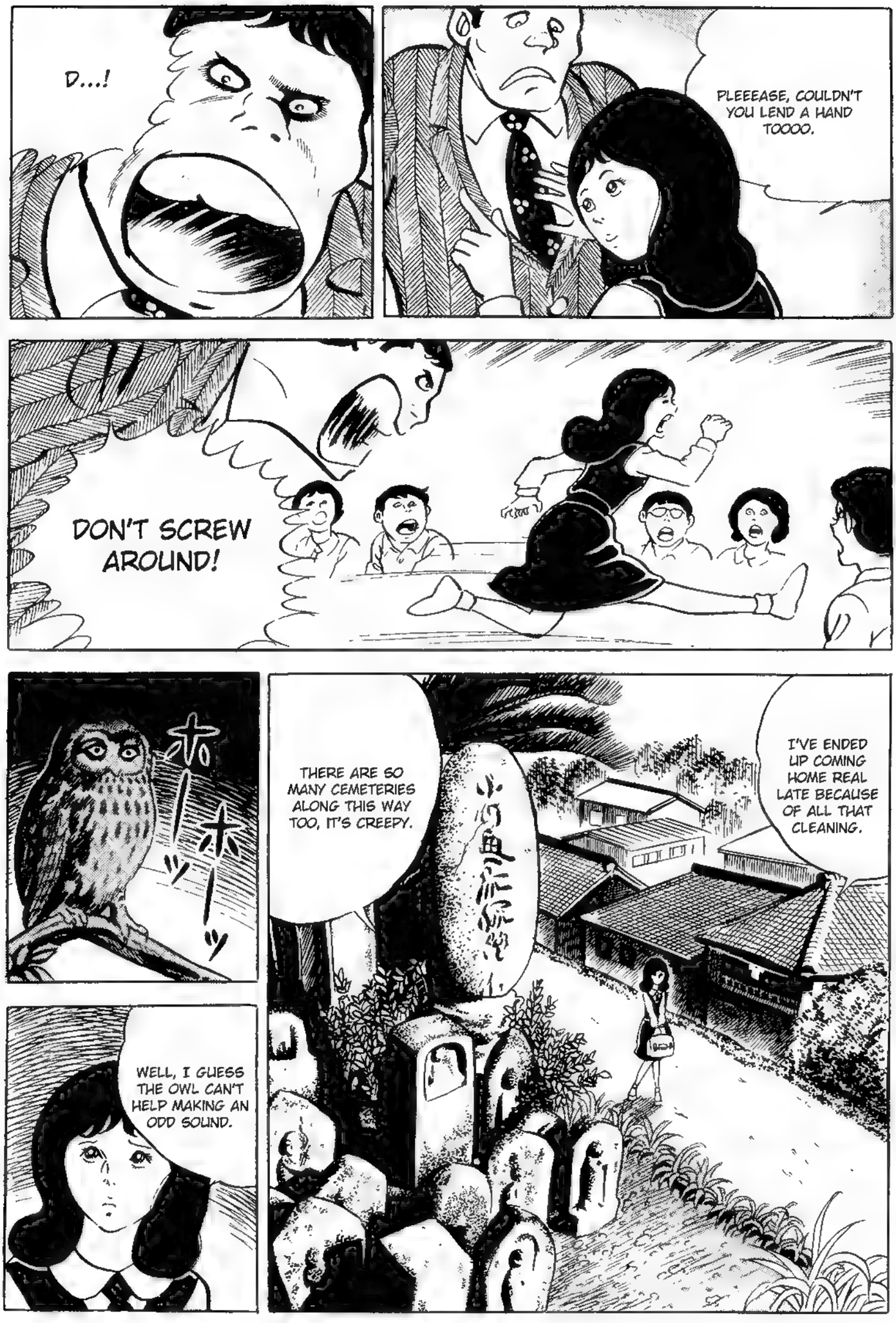
SHE'S FROM A NEARBY ORPHANAGE. SHE NORMALLY COMES BY HERE.
OH, WHO'S THAT GIRL?
OOO!
I BET SHE CAN'T MAKE ANY FRIENDS AND IS LONELY...
AS PUNISHMENT FOR LOOKING ELSEWHERE YOU'LL BE DOING TOMORROW'S CLEANING, BY YOURSELF!
WH... WHAT?!
SENSEEEEI....
CORRECT!
A... ALL BY MYSELF?
ERM...


D...!
PLEEEASE, COULDN'T YOU LEND A HAND TOOOO.
DON'T SCREW AROUND!
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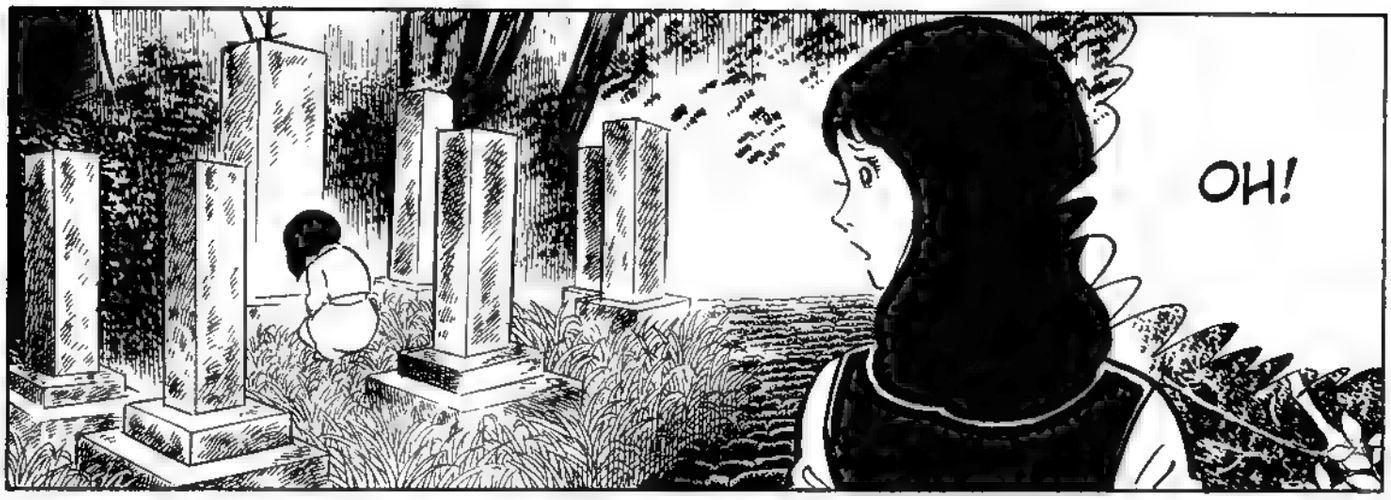
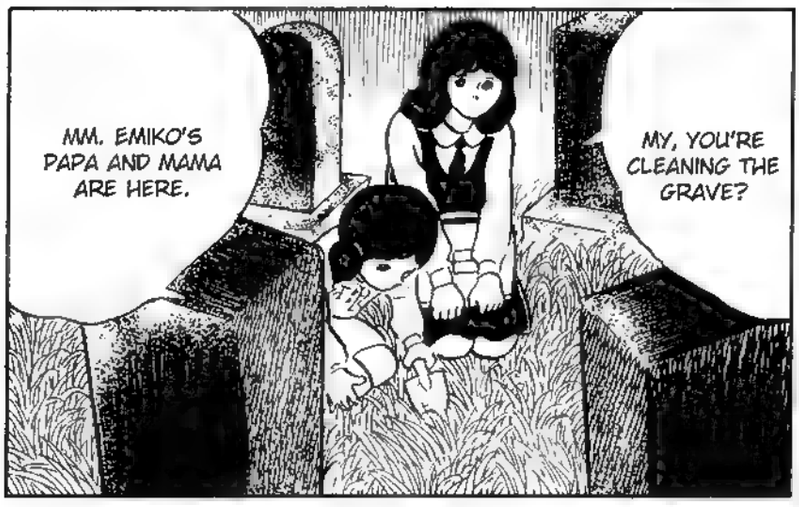
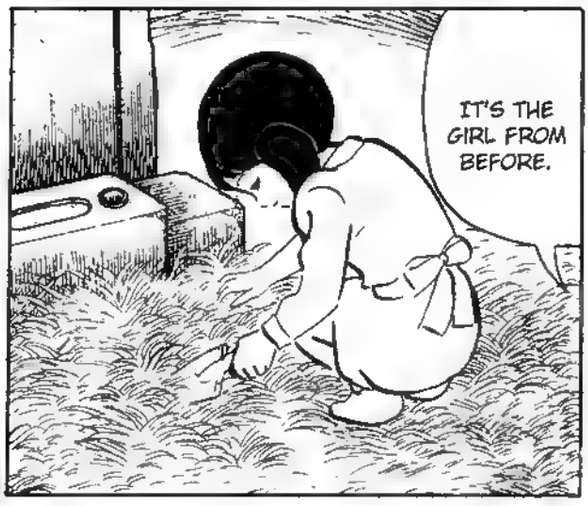
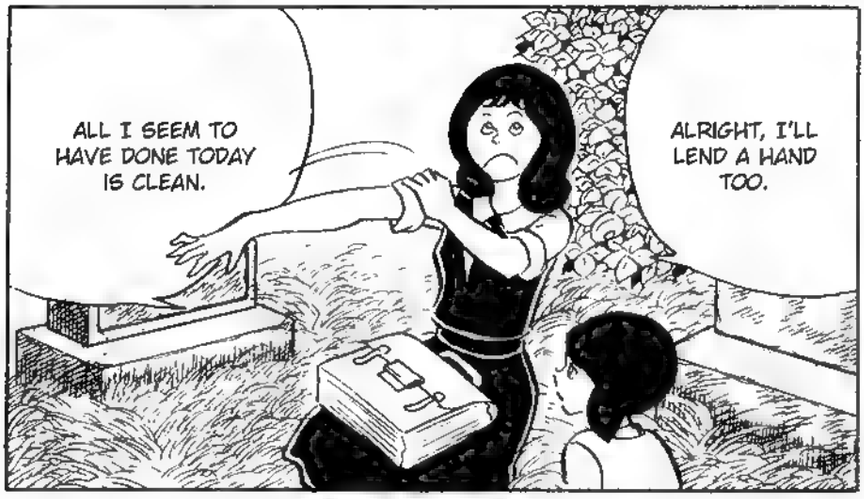
WELL, I GUESS THE OWL CAN'T HELP MAKING AN ODD SOUND.
THERE ARE SO MANY CEMETERIES ALONG THIS WAY TOO, IT'S CREEPY.
I'VE ENDED UP COMING HOME REAL LATE BECAUSE OF ALL THAT CLEANING.

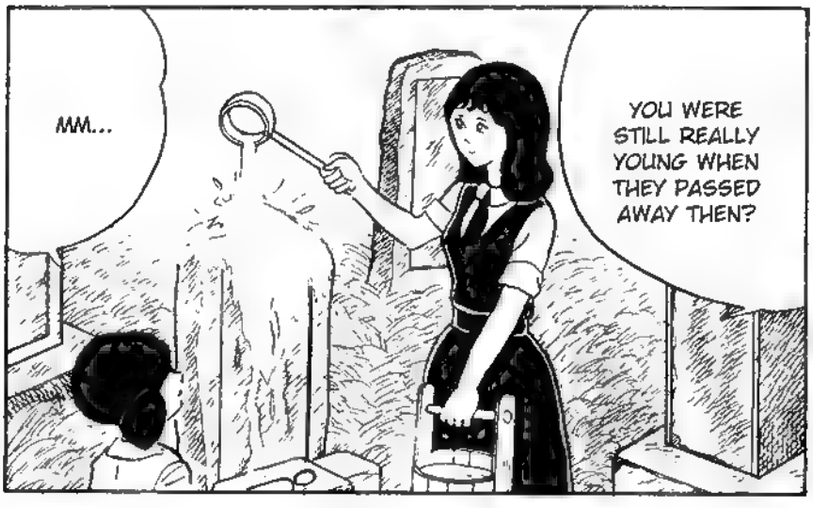

OH!


MM. EMIKO'S PAPA AND MAMA ARE HERE.
MY, YOU'RE CLEANING THE GRAVE?


IT'S THE GIRL FROM BEFORE.


ALL I SEEM TO HAVE DONE TODAY IS CLEAN.
ALRIGHT, I'LL LEND A HAND TOO.

SO YOU... LOST BOTH YOUR PARENTS THEN, EMI-CHAN.


MM...
YOU WERE STILL REALLY YOUNG WHEN THEY PASSED AWAY THEN?

WOULDN'T KNOW.
I BET YOUR PAPA AND MAMA WERE KIND PEOPLE.

WHILE MAMA'S VERY PRETTY, LIKE A PRINCESS.
WELL, PAPA'S VERY TALL AND HAS A KIND FACE...
OH, WHAT'RE THEY LIKE IN YOUR DREAMS?
BUT I DO OFTEN SEE THEM IN MY DREAMS.
IS THAT SO. THEN HOW ABOUT I MAKE TWO DOLLS WHICH'RE JUST LIKE THEM FOR YOU.
UFUFU...
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YEP. MY DOLL MAKING SKILLS ARE SECOND TO NONE.
CAN YOU REALLY DO THAT?
WAAAAAI!
THERE WE GO, THEY'RE DONE!

IT'S MAMA AND PAPA, LIKE IN MY DREAMS!
AH!
TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY HOME NOW.
THANK YOU MISS!
MM! AAARGH, THIS IS AMAZING!
DO THEY REALLY LOOK LIKE THEM?

EKO EKO ZAMERAK...
SO LONG... EKO EKO AZARAK...

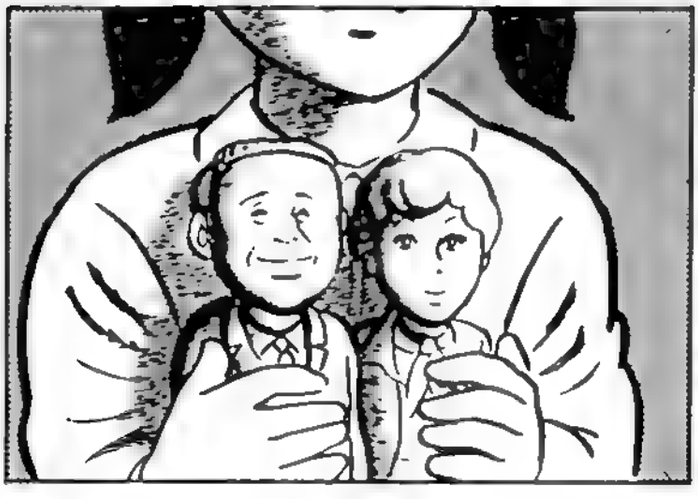
BYE BYYYE.

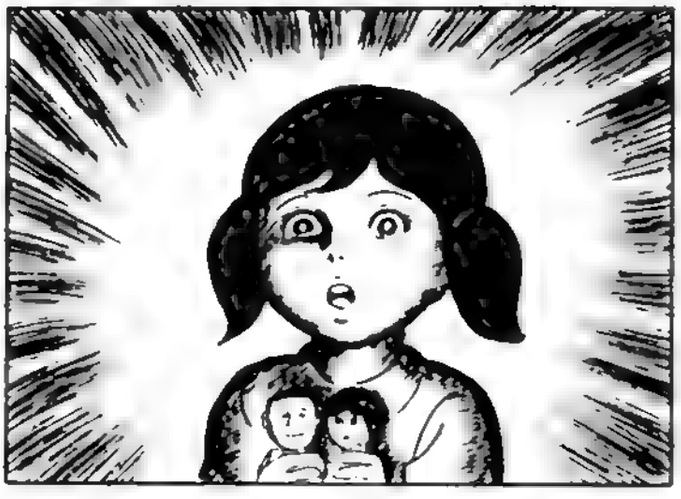
WHERE'S EMI-CHAN GOT TO?
A FEW DAYS LATER, AT A CERTAIN PUBLIC ORPHANAGE...
EMI-CHAAAN!
SO MAMA AND I'LL BE WATCHING THE HOUSE.
PAPA'LL BE AWAY FOR WORK TODAY.
SHE'S OVER THERE PLAYING WITH HER DOLLS.
YOU'VE A NEW PAPA AND MAMA.
CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER EMI-CHAN...
DON'T FORGET A PRESENT, PAPA.

IT'S THESE TWO.
COME WITH ME.
PAPA AND MAMA?
AH!
I'M SO GLAD EMI-CHAN, YOU'LL HAVE FOUND HAPPINESS.
WITH ONE GLANCE WE JUST KNEW SHE WAS THE ONE.
OH MY, WHAT AN ADORABLE CHILD YOU ARE.
THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THE DOLLS!

JUST LIKE CINDERELLA.
FROM NOW ON YOU'LL BE A RICH YOUNG LADY.

LOOK, THAT'S YOUR NEW HOME, EMI-CHAN.





SAY DEAR, HAVE YOU TAKEN A LOOK AT THOSE DOLLS.
SHE WAS SO TIRED SHE FELL FAST ASLEEP.
HAHAHA, YOU'RE RIGHT. PROBABLY JUST A WEIRD COINCIDENCE.
DON'T THEY LOOK EXACTLY LIKE US?
HAHAHA!
AH!

TH... THE DOLL SMILED?!
KYAAAAAH!
ODD, I GUESS OUR EYES WERE JUST PLAYING TRICKS ON US.
NO, THESE REALLY ARE JUST ORDINARY DOLLS.
WHAT HORRENDOUS WEATHER...
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IT MUST BE THE WEATHER'S FAULT, RIGHT EMI-CHAN.
PAPA SURE IS LATE. I WONDER WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED.

EH... PAPA?
I'LL GO AND ASK PAPA.
OH, YOU MEANT THE DOLLS?
WHY NOT, TELL ME.
EH, PAPA YOU WON'T BE COMING HOME TODAY?
SHOULDN'T SAY SUCH THINGS EVEN WHEN PLAYING AROUND.
HOW CRUEL. YOU...
WHAT WAS THAT?!
PAPA WON'T BE COMING HOME, HE GOT IN A CAR ACCIDENT AND IS IN HOSPITAL.
EH, CITY HOSPITAL?!
YES, THIS IS OOKURA.
NOW LET'S GO AND FINISH YOUR MEAL.

MY HUSBAND WAS IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT?!
IMPOSSIBLE!
I... IT CAN'T BE...!
WHAT CREEPY DOLLS!
MM.
EMI-CHAN, TELL ME THE TRUTH. DID THE DOLL REALLY TELL YOU ABOUT PAPA?!
I'M SURE THAT IF YOU HAVE THEM, UNFORTUNATE EVENTS WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUR!
NO, I WON'T.
STOP IT, MAMA, GIVE MY DOLLS BACK!

HEHEHE, I'VE COME FOR SOME MORE SPENDING MONEY...
AH!
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, MA'AM?
YOU'RE STILL LOOKING TO BLACKMAIL ME?!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
IT MIGHTA JUST BEEN A PASSING FANCY, BUT IT WAS REAL UNLUCKY THAT I HAPPENED TO CATCH YOU DOING IT.
WHO WOULDA THOUGHT A WOMAN SO RICH WOULDA BEEN A SHOPLIFTER.
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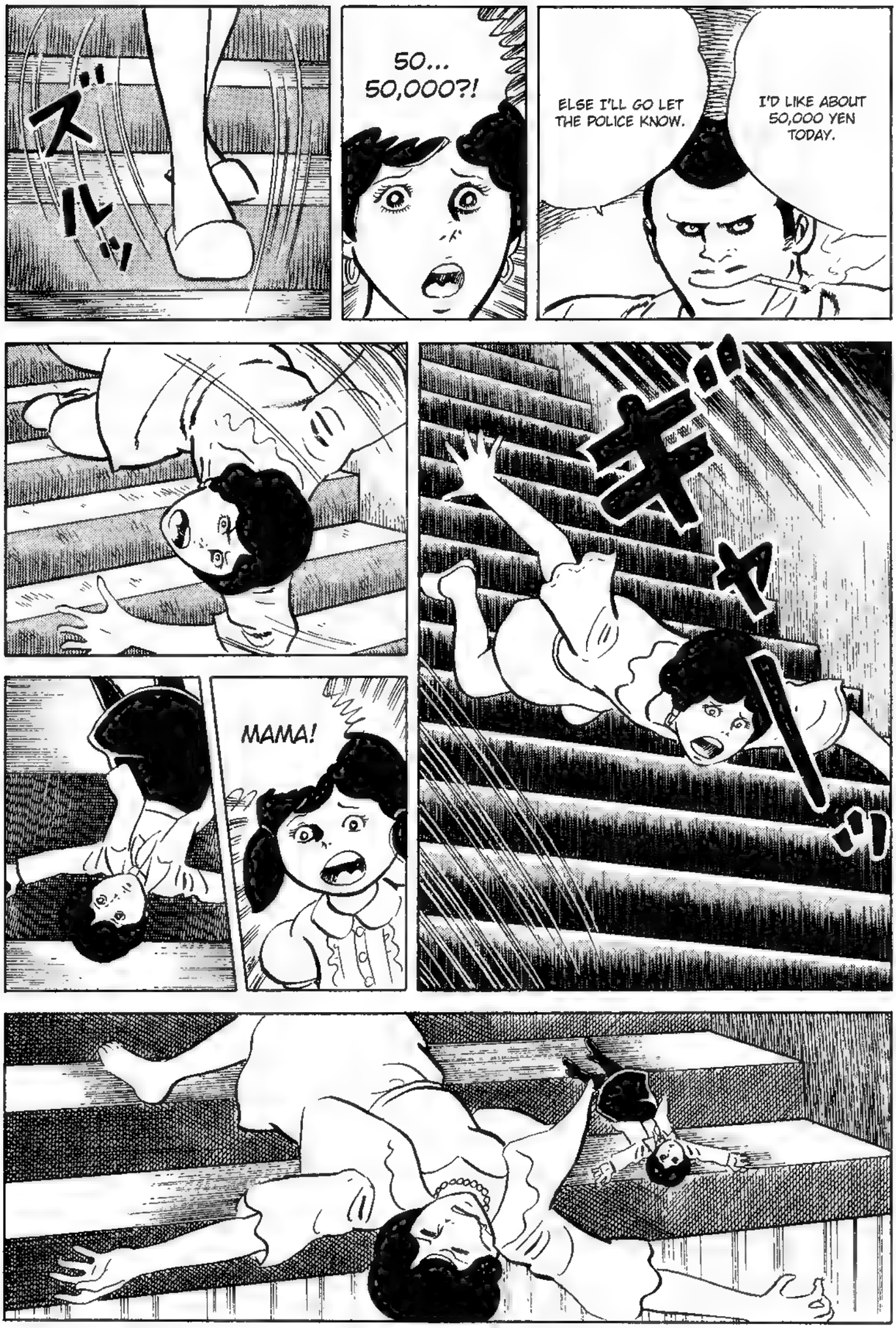
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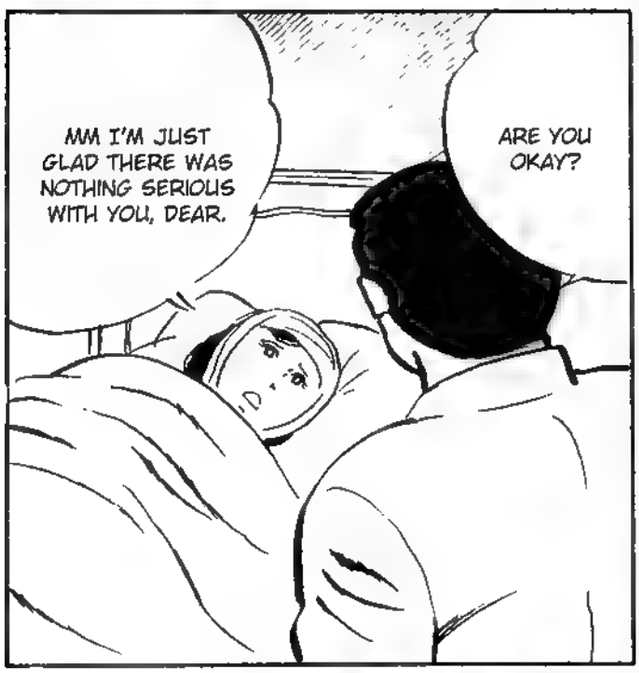
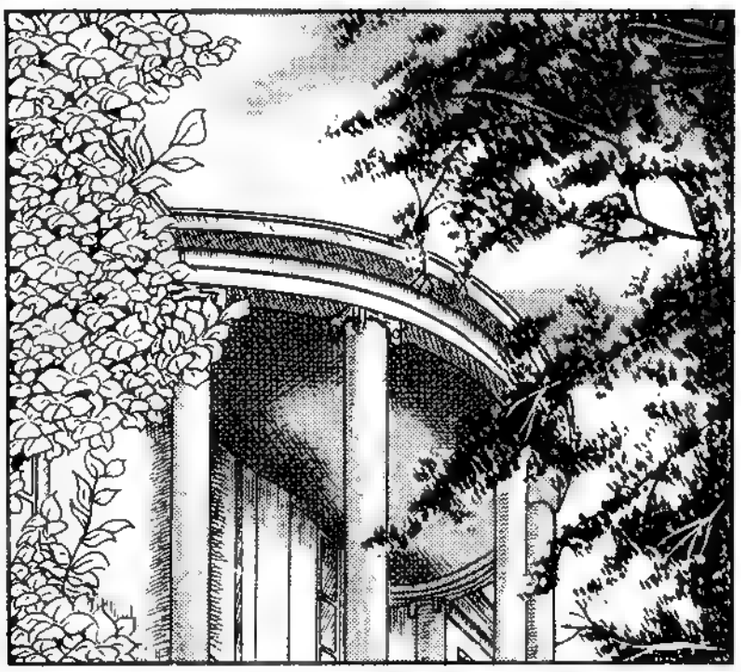
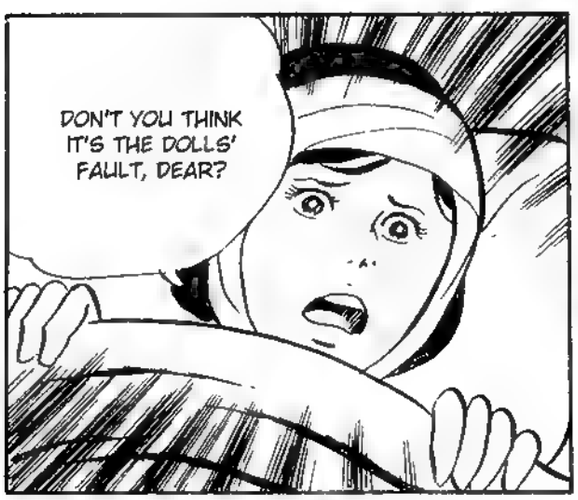
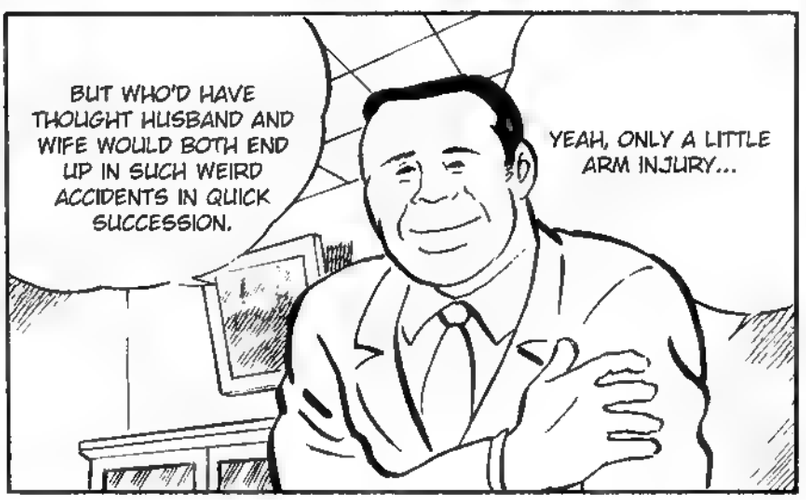
50...
50,000?!
I'D LIKE ABOUT 50,000 YEN TODAY.
ELSE I'LL GO LET THE POLICE KNOW.
MAMA!


MM I'M JUST GLAD THERE WAS NOTHING SERIOUS WITH YOU, DEAR.
ARE YOU OKAY?




DON'T YOU THINK IT'S THE DOLLS' FAULT, DEAR?


BUT WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT HUSBAND AND WIFE WOULD BOTH END UP IN SUCH WEIRD ACCIDENTS IN QUICK SUCCESSION.
YEAH, ONLY A LITTLE ARM INJURY...

HURRY UP AND THROW EMIKO'S DOLLS AWAY!
PLEASE DEAR!
NO, THOSE AREN'T ORDINARY DOLLS.
DON'T BE SILLY. THIS WAS ALL JUST SIMPLY COINCIDENCE.
ISN'T THERE A CHANCE IT MIGHT BACKFIRE, AND INVITE MORE UNFORSEEN MISFORTUNE?
LET'S SAY IT IS THE DOLLS' FAULT, WOULDN'T THAT MAKE TRYING TO THROW THEM AWAY ALL THE MORE OF A PROBLEM.
HM?!
AHAHAHA!
WHERE DID SHE EVEN GET THEM FROM?!
AAH, WHAT DO WE DO?!
OF COURSE, I NEED TO GET SOME MORE CASH!
YOU'RE HERE AGAIN!
WHATTA LOAD OF TOSH.

HOW'S ABOUT I GO LIKE THIS INFACT!
DON'T GET MAD NOW, ELSE I'LL FINISH OFF THESE DOLLS!
BASTARD, WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO SAY...?!
GET ON OUUUT!
RIDICULOUS SCREAM. YOU THAT AFRAID MA'AM?!
OI OI, YOU DON'T NEED TO MAKE SUCH A...

IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP AND GET OUT I'LL REPORT YOU TO THE POLICE FOR BLACKMAIL INSTEAD!
I AIN'T JUST SOME PETTY THUG!
YOU GIT! WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?!
IF YOU'RE GONNA TELL THE POLICE ABOUT MY WIFE THEN DO SO!
WHASSAT? YOU REALLY WANNA TREAT ME THAT WAY?!
NAAAH, THER'ES NO NEED TO WORRY.
DEAR. HE SEEMED TO BE A REALLY NASTY YAZUKA.
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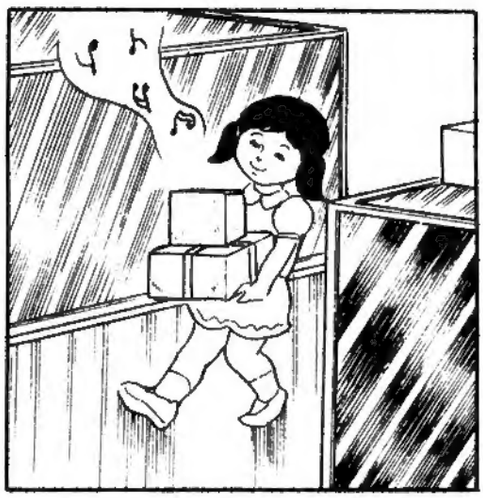
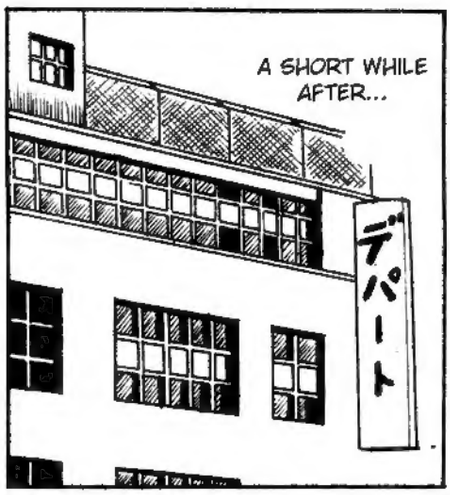
FUCK, I'LL REMEMBER THIS!
AAH... THEY'VE ENDED UP LIKE THIS...
THAT MAN'LL HAVE KILLED US IF WE'RE TO END UP LIKE THE DOLLS!





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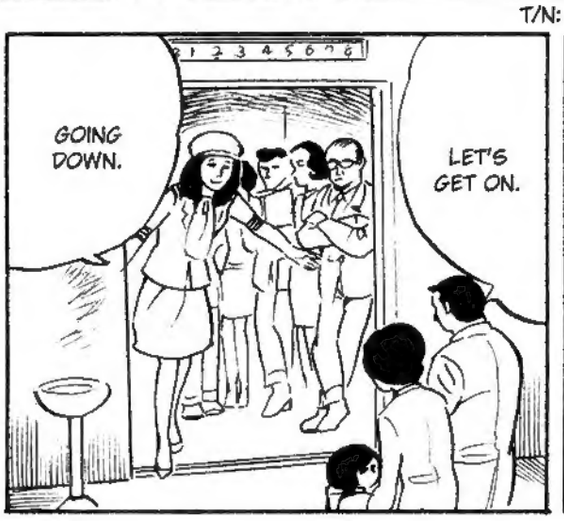

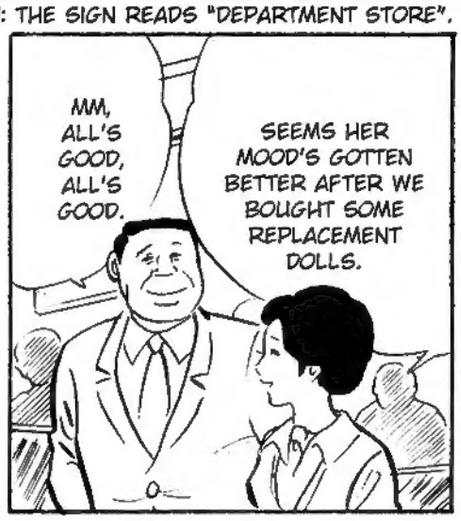

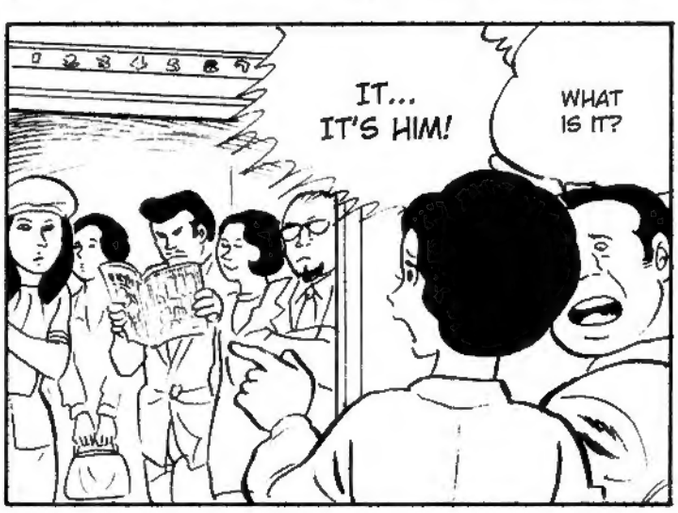

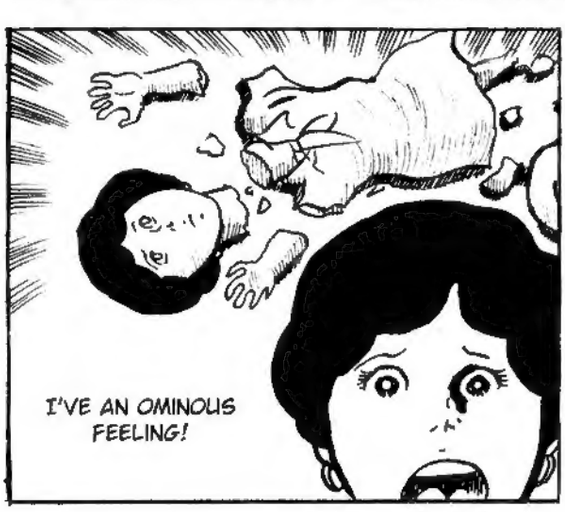

IT... IT WON'T STOP!
IT'S ANOTHER ELEVATOR ACCIDEEEENT!

WHAT ODD CUSTOMERS.

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